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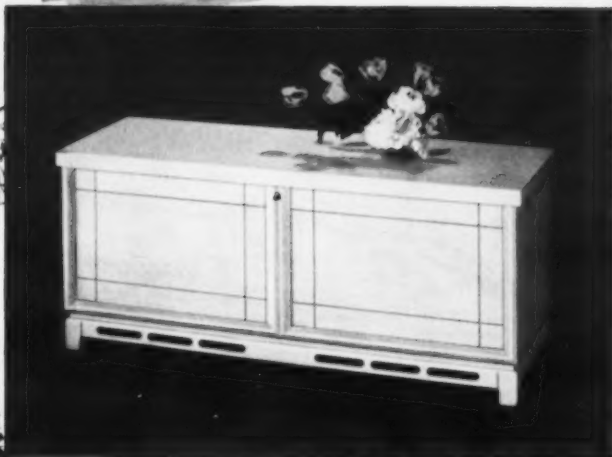
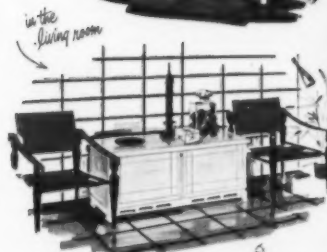
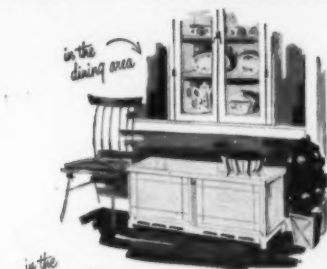
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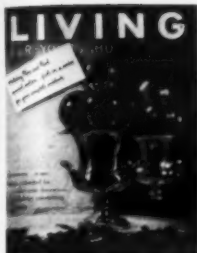
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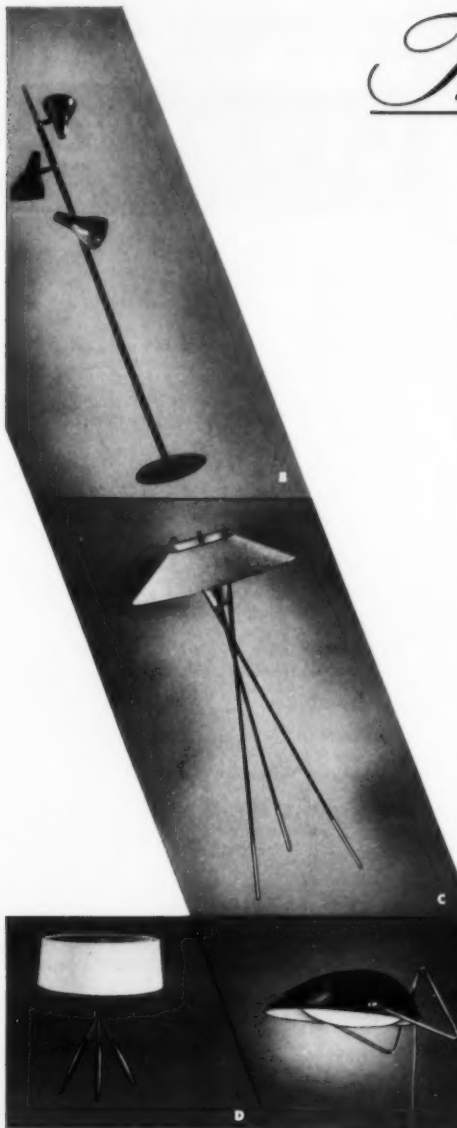
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FOOD TALK

1. Looking for some new ideas on entertaining? Then, you'll want to send for the new leaflet, *When Friends Drop In*, a brief guide which highlights party fare that is appropriate throughout the year. Prepared by Hospitality Service for the United States Brewers Foundation, the booklet includes special tips for serving beer. One recipe featured is for a versatile cheese pastry which can be shaped into giant sticks an inch wide and as long as you like. Free.

2. The new *Dubonnet Guide to Hosting and Toasting* is jam-packed with useful information ranging from what wine to serve with various foods to recipes that involve the use of wine. The recipe for Ragout of Beef Dubonnet is a real gem, easy to make, the end result indeed a party dish. Also included are directions for drinks that call for Dubonnet. Free.

3. 10 Cakes Husbands Like Best, prepared by the Spry Kitchen, is a group of fine cake recipes; ten cakes typical of the types Americans like best: chocolate cakes, white cakes, yellow cakes, fruited cakes—each with its complimentary frosting and decoration. All these cakes are made by Spry's One-Bowl method. Both beginning and experienced cakemakers will find this booklet helpful. Free.

4. If you have ever been involved in quantity cooking, whether for a church supper, club luncheon or dinner, or just a large family reunion, you will know that the quality of the food is one of the tests. One of the

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FAMILY AFFAIRS

5. Accidents kill more children over one year old every year than the nine frequently fatal diseases combined. Such is the warning carried in *Your Child's Safety*, by Dr. Harry F. Dietrich and Sidonie Matsner Gruenberg, published by the Public Affairs Committee. Numerous practical suggestions are presented by the two authors, including a number of concrete proposals on safety practices in the family car. 25¢.

6. Family security seems to depend on one thing—income. People get used to income and forget its importance. Then, suddenly, the breadwinner is taken out of the picture, income stops and tragedy in the form of financial hardship often results. A booklet, *Planning Your Family's Security*, prepared by the New York Life Insurance Company, offers a brief outline of each of the basic financial needs and a true-to-life account of how one family is building its financial security on a solid foundation of life insurance. Free.

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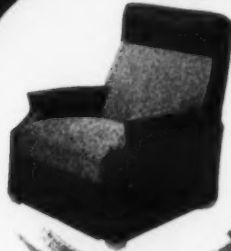
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DECORATOR'S CORNER

8. A kitchen keyed to your own personality, needs and budget will be much easier to plan with the aid of the *Curtis Kitchen Idea Book*. Whatever your space requirements, there are wall and base cabinets to fit them. The dimension charts of these versatile wood units, the full-color photographs of different kitchen arrangements, plus many other ideas on the use of these cabinets in such rooms as the workshop or bedroom will solve many a storage problem besides giving you a well-designed efficient kitchen. 10c.

9. Windows are literally the "eyes" of the home—and, like a person's eyes, they are often the feature that everyone notices first. Similarly, too, they do much to express the spirit of feeling of the home. Carefully planned window decoration can add sparkle to any room. Judd, makers of drapery hardware has prepared a booklet that illustrates how many window decorating problems have been solved. *Exciting Ideas for Window Decoration* will help the do-it-yourself decorator create virtually any room mood she desires. 25c.

10. Translucent without being transparent decorative glass enhances the livability of your home without destroying privacy. If you are building or remodeling, you will be interested in *Modernize Your Home With Decorative Glass*, a booklet prepared by the Mississippi Glass Company. Glass is a versatile medium with countless decorative opportuni-

ties for every room in the home. Modern and practical, it never wears out, and is easy to clean and always beautiful to behold. Free.

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11. Home woodworking is an absorbing hobby that all can enjoy. In their home workshops, many professional and businessmen find needed diversion from their everyday problems. No matter what particular form of handicraft you follow—carving, reproduction of antiques, making model boats, toys or furniture for your home—you will be interested in *The Joy of Accomplishment*, prepared by Stanley Tools. This booklet prescribes the tools necessary for a home workshop and also lists plans and patterns for various projects available through Stanley. Free.

12. A new booklet, entitled *It's Easy to Make Things With Reynolds Do-It-Yourself Aluminum*, describes the almost limitless array of things you can make with Reynolds do-it-yourself aluminum. Easy to handle, using ordinary hand tools or power tools, this aluminum is really new. *Easy-to-build* patterns and plans available through Reynolds are listed. Free.

13. If you're planning to paint toys and furniture for your own small fry or, whether out of the goodness of your heart you are doing it for others, you will welcome the information in *Painting Toys and Children's Furniture*, approved by the National Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Association. Information about paints and finishes for children's toys and furniture and directions for refinishing are also given. 10c.

14. For a festive Christmas table, Indian Head Mills have prepared a booklet called *A Christmas Tablecloth With Switch-About Party Centers*. Actually, it is a pattern for one tablecloth with switch-about party centers that will give you three festive tablecloths for a whole year's round of parties. Free.

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Read what Vogue magazine says about
"The Beauty of Made-to-Order Climate"
(excerpts from an article in July issue of Vogue magazine)

One of the newest discoveries in beauty comes to you, not in a bottle or a jar—but out of the air. Not any old air you just happen to have around, you understand. But air that is cooled or heated to a temperate temperature, and, best of all, which contains a controlled and perfect humidity. This, of course, is not easy. It entails all sorts of pipes, ducts, nuts, bolts, outlets, thermostats, and money. But after you get over the gasket stage, and get up the check—the rest is no trouble at all. Your beauty treatment is automatic.

Air conditioning is the newly-discovered beauty product we're talking about: a steady programme of year-round, whole-house air conditioning—not the hit-or-miss, or it's so-hot-let's-go-to-a-movie variety. The built-in air-and-heat conditioning system is the only kind where the humidity control works on a year-round basis—whether hot or cool air is being fanned throughout the house. This temperate atmosphere is certainly not a natural feature of this country, even in the so-called temperate climates (we bake or freeze for long stretches of the calendar). It has to be made to order.

The artificially-induced, balmy, correctly-humidified climate is particularly beautifying to the complexion. Not only because a pretty complexion is so often the result of good health—and health often fluctuates with climate, but most specifically because humidity, the partner of climate, directly affects the look as well as the actual well-being of the skin. Think of the famous complexions nurtured by the softer temperatures and humidity of the British Isles. Think, for that matter (as though those pretty girls who live in their TV refrigerators would let you forget), of the humidity-controlled sections of electric refrigerators—that keep the vegetables and fruits in such perfect bloom.

Just the right amount of moisture in the air seems to keep the complexion "filled"—seems to plump up the cells, and helps to ward off the fine lines that can become deep wrinkles. The skins which have been parched by over-tanning in long sun sessions; or which have been exposed to desert dryness, or old-fashioned, winter house heat; or which have had a long dose of sopping tropical atmosphere (Injia, y'know); these are the skins which suffer either from a premature withering—or, unsightly rashes.

Smoothness is another asset of the properly humid complexion. The skin surface is helped to a better texture by proper moisturizing. The smoother-textured skin not only looks finer without make-up—but even finer with it. Flaky, unevenly-textured skin is difficult to hide, and, without some help from humidity, this kind of complexion can have a dusty, dry look, even through foundation and powder. A good make-up lasts longer, shows off the pretty complexion beneath it much longer, when it is not submitted to hot dry air, or over-moisturized air. (It doesn't crack, in the first instance, or melt off, in the second.) The properly acclimatized complexion, then, not only becomes actually more beautiful—but the artifices used to enhance that beauty have a better chance to work their magic.

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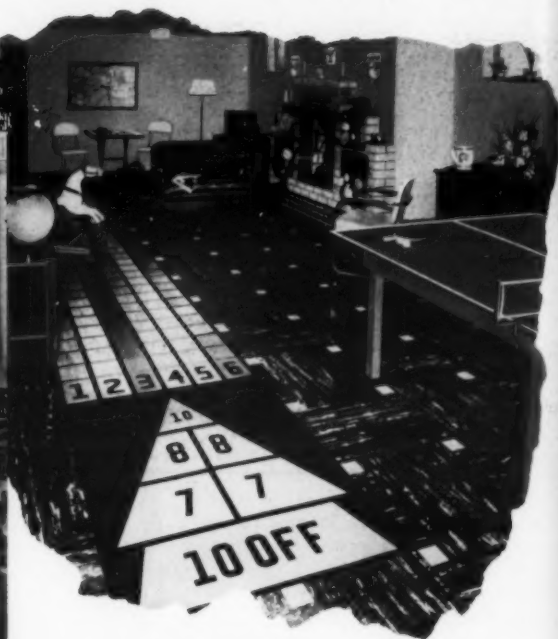
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we would like to bypass the suburbs and move to the country.

The country areas, however, within commuting range of the city, have been attracting people from the higher income groups, and consequently real-estate values have become inflated, zoning restrictions more rigid, and credit more difficult to obtain than in mass-produced suburban developments.

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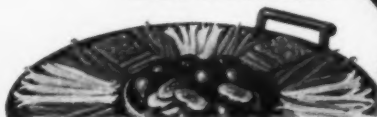
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house on good land that we can afford, and to design a home that can meet the requirements of a bank, the zoning commission, and the needs of our growing family.

There we meet the other horn of our dilemma, although our hopes have been supported by a young architect and some young builders who believe we can solve our problem.

Chester S. Logan
New York, N. Y.

EDITOR'S NOTE: A co-operative community project can be one way of taking the bull by the horns (West Hill—A Trend, July, 1951, and Norwood Village, September, 1952)!

CREATIVE CURRICULUM

Dear Sirs:

The barnyard and zoo animals (*A Toy Can Provide a Pastime for the Whole Family to Share*, January, 1955) will be especially meaningful for the blind children in my Braille class because of their definite characteristics.

I am most anxious to receive the kit of felt cutouts to assemble hand puppets before school starts.

Elaine Demetral
Detroit, Michigan

Gentlemen:

As a Brownie leader in the process of preparing my projects for the coming year, I was quite inspired by *Seashell Art for Children*, in the May, 1955 issue.

I want to use in my program the photographs that were included to illustrate the imaginative ways in which shells can be used by children in connection with drawing and painting to create their own art work.

Mrs. R. C. Raughley, Jr.
Roslyn Estates, New York

A WEIGHTY PROBLEM

Dear Editor:

I think my husband and I could probably speak for many young couples. We were married four and a half years ago during my senior year in college and his first year of graduate school.

We are now, after two years of service life, the proud possessors of two thoroughly lovable daughters, a washing machine, a sewing machine, a secondhand stove and refrigerator, a \$125 car, a tremendous quantity of inherited junk furniture, and a brand-new tract house with nary a blade of grass to go with it.

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The slant-top desk, illustrated, reflects Georgian styling reproduced by early Philadelphia cabinet makers. The captain's chair of true Yorkshire solidity and character, closely follows originals in the Cheshire Cheese restaurant, favorite haunt of Samuel Johnson and Boswell. The side table is Bourbon French with traces of the Italian influence which Napoleon brought to France, and which his brother Jerome brought to Northern New York. See these and other Stickley American pieces at leading furniture stores and department stores.

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THE YOUNGEST SET



CHIRIE HOFFMAN

If a vote were taken among the *Youngest Set* to determine their very favorite time of year, we're fairly certain the result would be a landslide in favor of Christmas. Even those newly initiated into the *Set*, experiencing their first Noel, are aware that there is indeed a special kind of excitement in the air. An always eagerly awaited event, it colors just about every day in a child's year; used as a gentle prod, the mere mention of Christmas is generally sufficient to move even the most recalcitrant child. Last month we reported on Christmas gifts for an age group of six upwards; this month we've scouted out toys that, we confidently expect, will appeal to a group that spans three months to ten years.



1. A brand-new member of the *Youngest Set* will be entranced with a *Cradle Bounce*. Covered with a washable plastic and resembling a pint-size punching bag, it is suspended from a clamp that fits crib or play pen (Right-Time Toys, \$2)

2. Practical as they are shiny, the ornaments adorning our tree are Revere Ware miniature utensils for the junior-miss cook in the family. They are packed in play-stove cartons (7-piece set, \$14.95)

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A piece off your mind [Continued from page 15]

Teaching is my husband's profession, and our future will be bright indeed after the beginnings are over, but the latest appliances, newest model car, and the landscaped outdoor living area must wait for some time.

Our chief form of recreation—and the least expensive—is people. We entertain constantly, most often at coffee-time. Now that most of our friends are married and have children, though, the tide is turning toward potluck affairs. We need spaghetti-priced dishes and are tired of the old stand-bys.

I can't claim to have done much recipe hunting, but I do not know of any hot main dishes for very little money suitable for painless entertaining of larger groups and which are also suitable for dieters.

Our particular group of friends is fortunate. Very few have constant weight problems. At our ages, however, almost any get-together is sure to include a goodly percentage of expectant mothers who are faithfully struggling with their obstetricians' firm orders. Invariably, they either ignore the casserole, stock up on salad, and feel cheated, or splurge on Saturday night only to go home in discomfort and starve the rest of the week!

Naucy M. Freeman
Claremont, Calif.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We do hope you saw the budget menus which are the basis of Entertainment Without Tears: Ways and Means to Expand and Accessorize Routine, Family Meals, in the November, 1955, issue. Diet, however, requires more personalized advice.

A NEED TO SERVE

Dear Sirs:

It is understandable that you devote so many pages to the furnishing of permanent homes, as so many young homemakers are buying them. But, you are overlooking a large group in the United States today—the families of men in the service who are making this a temporary if not a permanent career.

Our homes are changed at least once every three years so our problems of furnishing are challenging to both imagination and pocketbook. Your wonderful ideas for built-ins and unique window

treatment and color schemes are often not for us. Whenever we buy we must first consider how it will appear in every imaginable setting. In doing this, it is necessary to sacrifice a wish to be distinctive with a need to be conservative, and the result can often be very dull.

We want our homes to be more than a place to hang our hats.

Mrs. Charlotte Kuhlmann
Enid, Oklahoma

Dear Editors:

Although we in the service are without taproots, we must always try to live as normal a life as possible. In the nine years of marriage, I can count nine permanent moves plus approximately three or four intercity ones to better our living conditions.

As my husband moves, my family and I do also and make a new home. This may be no distinction, but I consider myself rather adept now in the art of establishing a presentable apartment and home from, generally speaking, bare necessities.

Need I say there are thousands of wives like myself who never lose sight of wanting to be a part of the community in which we happen to be living?

Donna J. Jones
San Diego, Calif.

Gentlemen:

We are in the service by choice and both my husband and I enjoy the moving around because we feel that we get to know our country better as residents than we would as tourists.

However, we also like living in comfortable and attractive houses. We have found many good ideas for our transient-type interior decoration from your magazine, but we sometimes have the feeling that we are the orphan stepchildren when it comes to panel discussions. The panels know a lot about building, wiring, and what goes into the making of a good house, but there is not enough mention of furniture or equipment that moves well or is adaptable.

Mrs. Herbert K. Eastwood, Jr.
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EDITOR'S NOTE: It is becoming increasingly evident from the many letters we are receiving that this is a way of life that deserves more specialized attention.

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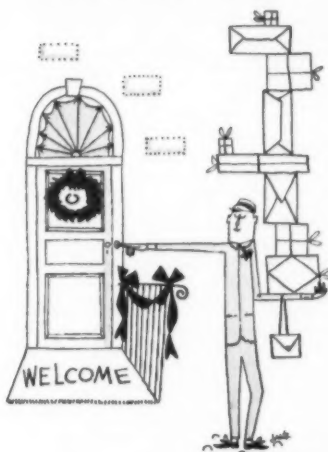
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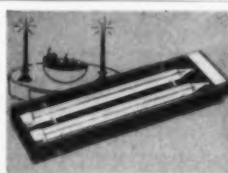
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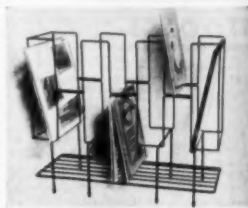
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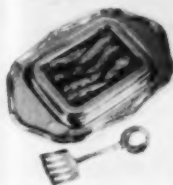
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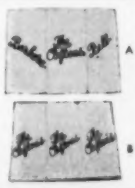
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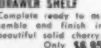
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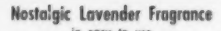
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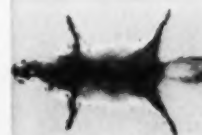
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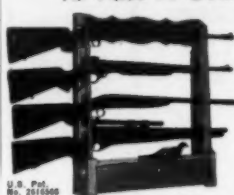


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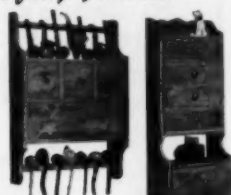
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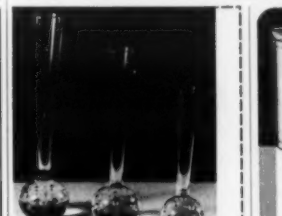
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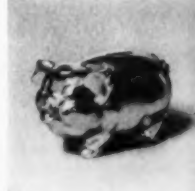
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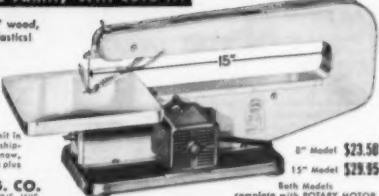
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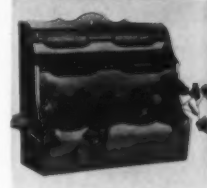
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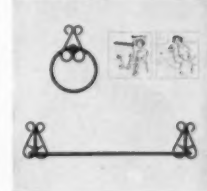
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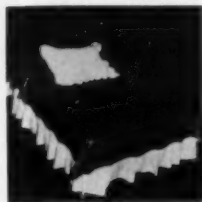
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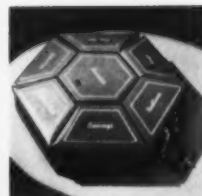
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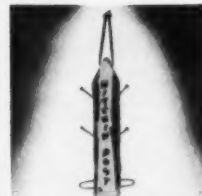
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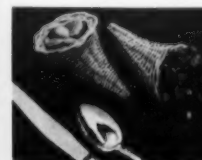
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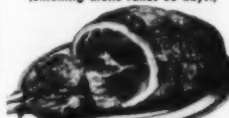
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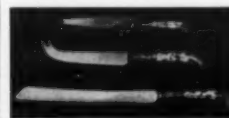


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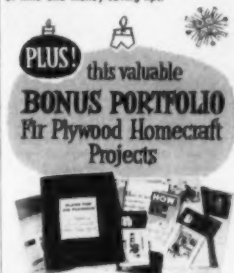
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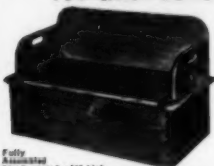
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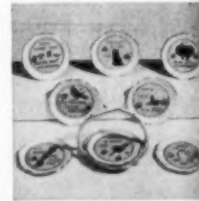
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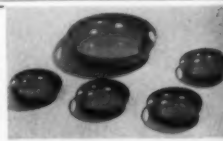


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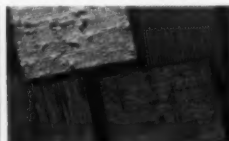
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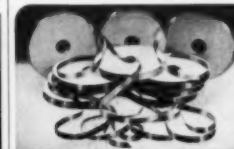


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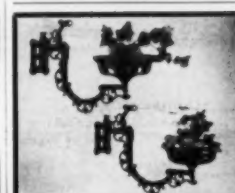


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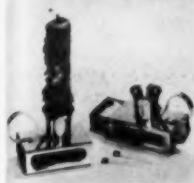
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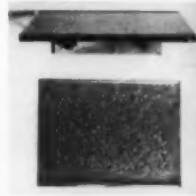
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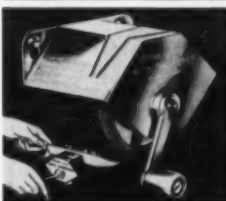
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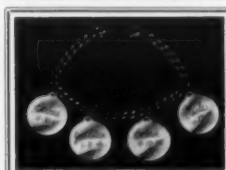
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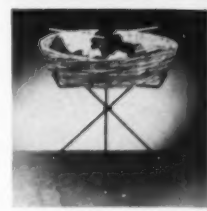
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Speaking of Living

Those two photogenic moppets, **Meggie** and **Suzie**, appeared recently on the Johnson City, Tennessee, TV show, *Tot Time*. They were interviewed by **Genie Range** and **Gwendolyn Wallace** about their appearances in this magazine (*Life Among the Sophisticates*, September, 1954; *One Little Girl Goes to School*, *One Stays Home*, September, 1953). The same morning, Meggie fell out of a tree and broke her arm, but Bernhardt that she is, refused to let anything so trivial keep a true actress down, and gave her interview like a trouper.

Because we have to plan our issues so far ahead, it sometimes seems—around the office—that the seasons are reversed. During a record-breaking August heat wave, an incongruous sight was decorator **Paul Krauss**, waist-deep in Christmas decorations, trying desperately to keep cool, keep the tinsel from

melting, and to capture the spirit of a faraway holiday season and still meet a deadline.

The air was rife with excitement in Chicago recently when four women from different parts of America were presented with first-place prizes in the *Hotpoint Living-Conditioned Home Contest*. The excitement was understandable as the prizes were the living-conditioned homes first shown in this magazine. The houses will be built on lots of the winner's choice, and completely furnished. **John C. Sharp**, president of Hotpoint, awarded the houses, each designed for a particular region of the United States. Eastern winner: **Mrs. Jay Shoats**. Western winner: **Mrs. Robert B. Todd**. Midwestern winner: **Mrs. Edmund J. Freundt**. Southern winner: **Mrs. Norman A. Herendeen** (who wept at the presentation).

It seems quite a jump from producing a TV

show to remodeling a kitchen, but **Shad Northshield** has navigated it successfully. Shad is the producer of the highly popular CBS Television Show, *Adventure*, and he has remodeled his kitchen single-handed (*A Remodeled Kitchen Is an Exciting Gift for the Whole Family*, page 74). Jane and Shad, who already adopted two children, plan eventually (budget allowing) to adopt three more.

Everyone likes to see his picture in the paper, and we are no exception. One of our offspring—the *Living-Conditioned Homes*—recently attracted considerable attention, and like dotting parents, we clipped any mention of our progeny that appeared anywhere in print. The result was a sea of newspapers, and only after such staffers as **Jean Harris** had achieved clippers' cramp was the deluge defeated, order restored.



Meggie and Suzie on television



Hotpoint president Sharp with contest winners



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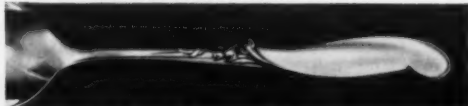
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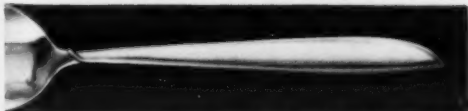
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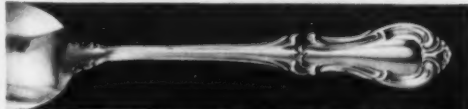
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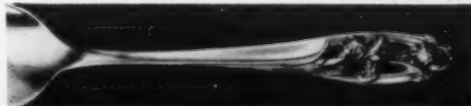
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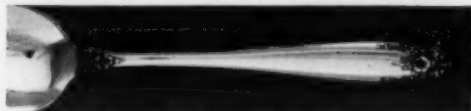
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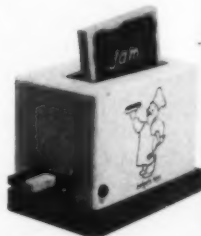


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4. Battery-operated, the instructive *Tot Clock* aids youngsters to tell time. Turn button and the hour lights up (Primary Toy, \$2)

5. Painted wood toaster by Holgate is—to the child's eye at least—every bit as effective as Mother's chrome model. Press the levers, up pop pieces of "toast" (\$2.50)



6. This ample boxcar measures 24 inches long and 19½ inches high. Painted bright red, it both transports and stores child's toys (By Shephard Toys, \$15.95)



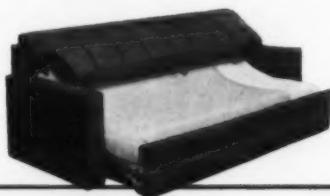
7. A plump, black-spotted circus pony makes a fine seat for this young lady's daily ritual before the television set. Covered in furlike plush with red mane and tail, the *Television Pony*, by Gund, costs \$25

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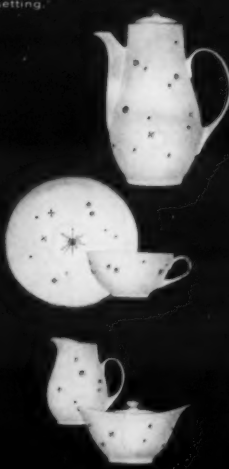
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Is there a method in their madness? Yes, indeed! They're going to give every child its heart's desire, pass the eggnog, cut a few capers, sing every carol they know, trim trees, ring church bells, hang wreaths, stuff stockings, gild walnuts, string popcorn, light candles and wish everyone the compliments of the season. No, they're not mad—they're simply imbued with Christmas spirit, and as long as the reindeer hold out, they intend that *you* shall share its joys.



*Our sleigh-riding editors bear down on
a group of freshly decorated rooms,
using simple materials to transform
them into bright Christmas settings*



As a point of departure on their lighthearted tour, our editors move in with their bag of yuletide tricks on a room of forthright traditional inspiration. Here the color of wood and fabric is used to create an atmosphere of mellow warmth, highlighted by a beige Needlepoint rug and club and wing chairs (Shaw) upholstered in rich browns and rusts. Rose-colored felt, which also covers drapery valance, becomes the unusual background panel for two framed drawings. Like any basically well-organized room, this living room is every inch receptive to the embellishments of Christmas cheer. We removed a picture here (below), an accessory there and added some yule effects: brightly colored felt, scalloped and tipped with Christmas balls, tops both desk and mantelpiece; the tree, fashioned of colored cardboard from an art-supply shop, is the gay pin-up board for greeting cards; the valance becomes a planter with sprigs of fir



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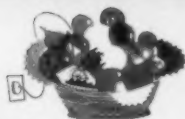
Gilding the already resplendent lily has some justification at Christmastime when for a few festive weeks the living room, bedroom—any room in the house, for that matter—can be subjected to the magical effects of ribbon, fir and tinsel star. Nor do we limit ourselves to these materials: the inventive Christmas decorator draws on a host of unexpected and inexpensive materials to create the necessary holiday sparkle. A feature of the opposite end of our living room is the wall barometer which, with the addition of cotton whiskers, a new painted cardboard face and a cone of felt for cap, becomes a sprightly St. Nick. Under an arc of Christmas balls, a stylized, candle-holding cherub—of cardboard and metal foil—graces the mantel-top. Coffee table has an outsize candle stuck with berry branches, the bookcase an ornament-filled, beribboned cornucopia



ROOMS ON THESE AND FOLLOWING FIVE PAGES
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Working imaginatively, anyone can produce the glitter of Christmas with simple accessories. Here a small basket, lined in pinked aluminum foil, has been filled with sundry tree ornaments, a light bulb placed underneath



For enthusiasts of the traditional, the living room above is a fine example of the personality that reproductions can impart to a room. Drapery fabric, black enamel rocker (Nichols and Stone), Shaw love seat, nutmeg-finished maple furniture (T. Baumritter) and decorative accessories are all in the provincial idiom. The small dining room beyond has a kind of entity of its own, its papered walls providing a pleasant contrast to the all-white walls of living room. In its full holiday garb (left), room has been trimmed with touches of laurel and evergreen: they fill the magazine rack, antique scale and space around ceiling fixture, while the handsomest greeting cards of the season hang decoratively on lengths of ribbon





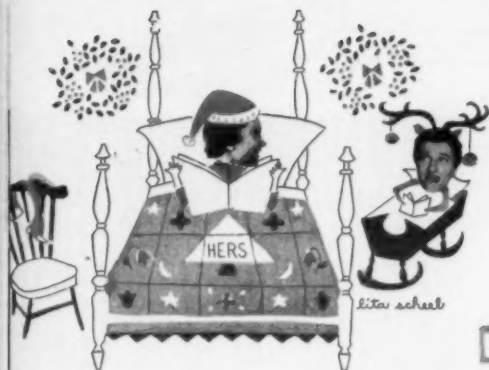
A beribboned window box or rattan basket wears a new holiday look when filled with pine boughs and comes and clusters of gold-foil stars attached to flexible wire



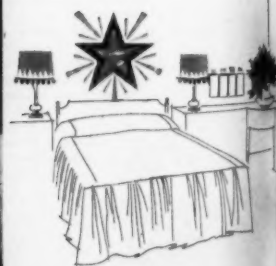
A dramatic window treatment establishes the mood of this urbane room which employs two accent colors as contrasts to the bold black and white stripes of Waverly drapery fabric. With its warm tones of walnut wood and upholstery fabric, the dining group (Landstrom) is an interesting complement for the coolness of the living area, a Haitian sisal rug serving to unify the whole room.

In its Christmas version (right), it is now ready to perform its function as family entertainment center for the holidays. Brightly colored balls—no longer held to their time-honored role of tree ornament—are here used to enhance a vase of greens, a yule candle and the window draperies. Colored felt covers the table tops





*The bedroom, too, can
put on new garb for
the gay yuletide show*





Inexpensive yet highly decorative, this luminous table ornament is easily fashioned out of heavy, colored metal foil in the form of a cone. With star-shaped openings cut out of surface, an electric light placed underneath, it will create a diverting effect at night.



In this pleasantly decorated room—large enough to serve the dual purpose of bed and sitting room—the trellis-effect wallpaper is the one emphatic note in an otherwise subdued interior. Three walls are painted light gray; above a cotton carpet (Clayton), the gentler shades of olive and yellow-green predominate in fabrics of draperies, bedspread and upholstery. Cherry bedroom furniture is by Century; love seat and upholstered chair by Hickory. Our well-tailored room (right) gets the Christmas treatment: an armchair—definitely disguised with a trimming of sleigh bells, cardboard runners and packed to its brim with gifts—becomes a sleigh. A homemade angel perches above bed, repeated in a flight of smaller ones across draperies.

A subtle range of warm golds and browns is the congenial approach to color in the bedroom (opposite).

For those of traditional bent, an interesting feature is the mahogany furniture (Landstrom) designed for arrangement in a contemporary, corner grouping—a space-conserving principle heretofore allotted to contemporary furniture only. Floral-patterned bedspread is by Riverdale; Bridal cotton rug by Needle tuft. For its holiday adornment, we applied a decidedly gala Christmas star of colored metal foil on wall over bed—a simple device repeated in smaller stars on mirror and its adjacent papered wall. Garlands of greens frame the small wall shelf.





While holiday cheer casts its seasonal spell throughout the house in window, hallway and living room, we've taken an unadorned bedroom and infused it with the very spirit of Christmas in the form of fresh décor. The house is contemporary, but its bedroom has been treated in a jaunty country style. Walls are painted pale yellow; against one segment papered in a beige and yellow check (Katzenbach and Warren), double-tiered café curtains in a calico pattern are the solution to large-scale corner windows. In a ready-made ensemble with pale yellow dust ruffle, the bed-topper duplicates fabric of curtains; the Firth carpet, in a rich tweed effect, sums up all the colors in the room. Furniture in weathered cherry by Youngville Star



The dominant colors in this wholly feminine, vividly conceived bedroom are pink and black, a bold combination that—unless used with taste and discretion—can prove as disturbing as an over-Technicolor movie. It is applied sensibly here: the black in lamp shades, low enameled bench, long café curtains of heavy net, and in the background of the Karastan rug. The pinks appear in various tints in pillows, figured wallpaper background (Thomas Strahan), painted window frame, and in the stripes of the identically patterned draperies and quilted bed-topper ensemble. As a whole, the room is an exciting departure for an occupant intent on creating a bit of drama with color

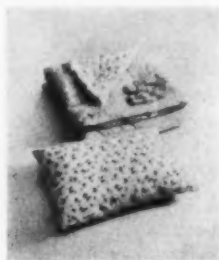


*For the bedroom: we bring gifts,
glad tidings of comfort and joy*

The bedroom being the enchanted haven it is (or certainly should be), we feel it only fitting to bestow on it at Christmas some very special presents, each designed to beguile the eye, pamper the sensibilities, gratify the need for comfort. Below is a sampling: (1) small-scale desk in antiqued pine by Townshend; (2) Dacron-filled, floral-print pillow and electric comforter by Julee; (3) clock-radio with appliance timer (Stromberg-Carlson's *Musiclock*); (4) Mary Chess' closet rejuvenator: sachet, scented hanger cover and lacquer; (5) brocade-like taped luggage rack, Guy Hobbs; (6) the Lane cedar-lined storage chest with sliding shelf and drawer in base; (7) Crosley portable transistor *Book Radio*; (8) traditional white bedspread, cotton tufted and fringed, by Morgan Jones; (9) washable cotton accent rug with gold *Lurex* yarn by Aldon



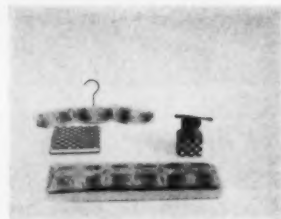
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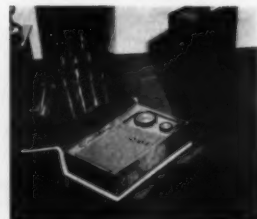
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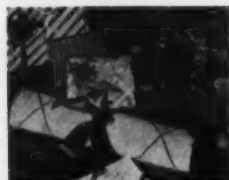
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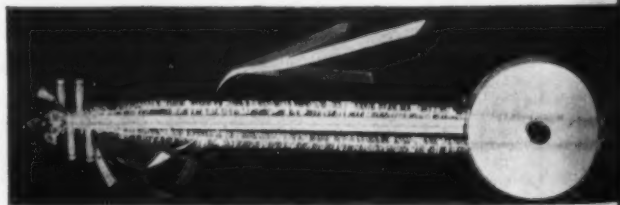


Glamour for Mother Hubbard

It used to be a telltale quirk of Christmas shopping that the most frequented aisles of large department stores were usually those devoted to such symbols of glamour as lingerie, perfume, jeweled gimcracks, furs and feathers. This is understandable—we are all subject to the lure of glitter—but somewhere on a floor above, neglected and forlorn—lay the Season's orphans: the housewares. Superb gifts, they were forced to take a back seat only because they were considered plain Janes. No more: irons are now elegant, vacuum cleaners svelte, and we present them herewith—in a group of glamorous sisters—in the most stylish trappings the venerable firm of Dennison can devise.

Beneath its frills, this is a *Rubbermaid* dishpan—a haven for crystal. In five colors, black and white (\$1.98)

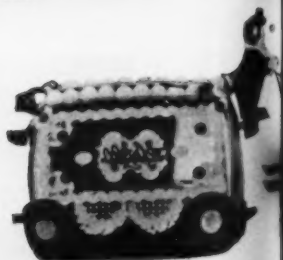
Santa Claus (left) is an *O-Cedar* mop in disguise. Available in pastel shades, it glides easily under low furniture and costs \$3.95. Banjo (right) is a Dominion electric automatic fry skillet with copper cover, immersible, and a detachable cord (\$18.95)



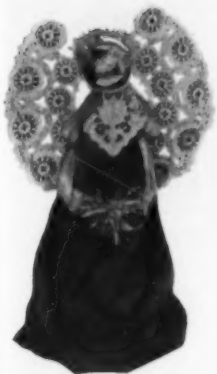
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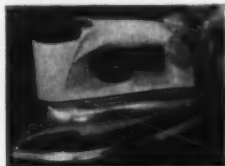
The two-quart Pyrex casserole (\$1.50, above) has a colored bowl, a transparent cover, and fits into an expandable chrome-plated buffet warmer by Ekco (\$3.25). The *Lady Sunbeam* Shoremaster (right) is the size of a compact and costs \$14.95. Caparisoned as a circus wagon, Knapp-Monarch copper toaster (far right) is \$22.95



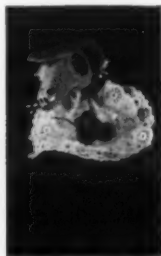
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Beneath its wings (*Royalace* paper doilies), this angel wears a silicone ironing-board cover as a gown. By *Magia*, \$1.49, and (as if it mattered to an angel) impervious to heat. Clock (right) is a 10½" skillet by *Wagner* (\$1.95)



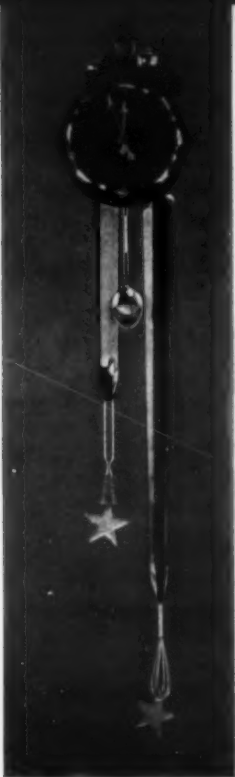
Sleek as satin, the *Presto* steam and dry iron is available in four pastel colors, has a fabric heat-indicator-control and weighs 3½ pounds (\$17.95)



Without her collar, *Miss Mouse* is a hair dryer by *Dominion* weighing only 2 pounds 6 ounces (\$9.95)



From top to bottom of this gay *Cosco* step-stool (\$16.95); an *Everedy Snorkel-Vent* pan (\$4.70); a *Remington Duckess* shaver (\$21.50 and for ladies only); *Knapp-Monarch* plastic hand-mixer (\$19.50)



This wise old bird is a *Rival Kitcheneer*—a combination meat-grinder and food-chopper, slicer and shredder (\$12.98)

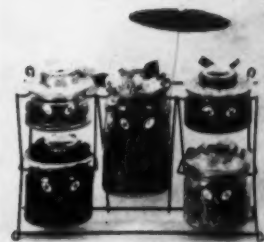


Believe it or not, this is a vacuum cleaner: *General Electric's Roll-Easy*. It rolls up and down stairs, has toe-touch control (\$79.95)





A startled hen (Tom Tru Studio's felt pot holder, \$1.25) warms her unlikely Christmas eggs in an 8" iron skillet by Wagner (\$1.50)



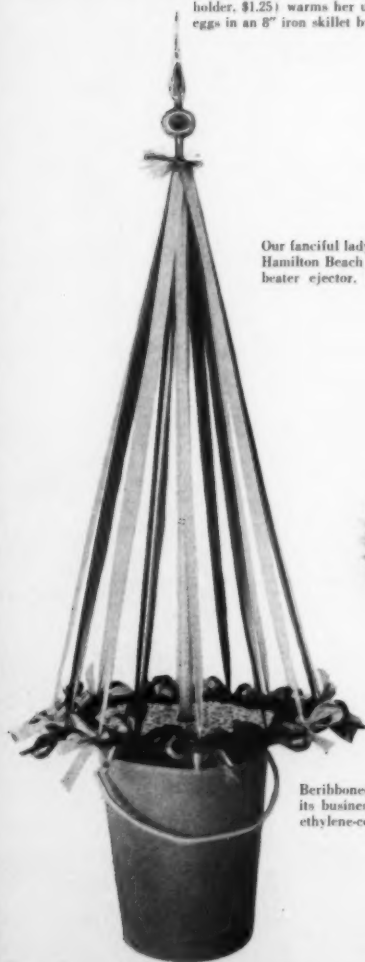
A wrought iron wall or counter rack holds five prim, bonnet-topped ladies—Silex jars with ground-glass stoppers. Set includes 8 labels, is priced at \$6.95



Our fanciful ladybird is really the portable Hamilton Beach Mixette, with push-button beater ejector, 3-speed control (\$21.50)



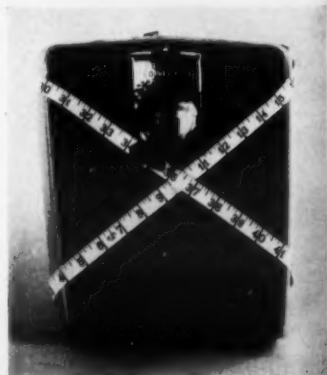
Handsomely designed, the portable Knapp-Monarch stainless steel Chefster is a versatile aid that cooks, bakes, deep-fat fries, even pops corn at table (\$29.95)



Beribboned yule tree for the kitchen: a nylon mop has its business end embedded in an unbreakable, polyethylene-covered bucket by Loma (14½" high, \$3.98)



A clean sweep with the Sweep Queen—here in holiday dress—is assured by its crimped plastic bristles that can be rinsed in a jiffy. In three colors (\$2.98)

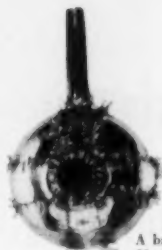


An appropriate gift for the calory-conscious is this streamlined, compact bathroom scale, the Counselor Capri. Available in colors (\$7.95)

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Paper and ribbon make a sprightly Christmas turkey of General Electric's automatic speed kettle. Textolite base and handle. $2\frac{1}{2}$ quarts, \$18.95



A bright addition to the range wardrobe. Magnalite 8-inch skillet by Wagner has extra thick bottom, costs \$5.95 with cover



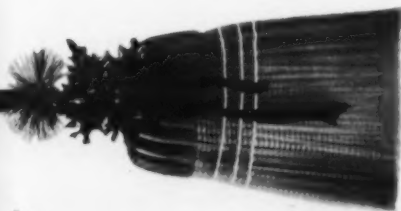
An eminently practical kitchen ornament: Club Holiday porcelain aluminum Dutch oven by Club Aluminum, $4\frac{1}{2}$ quarts, \$9.95



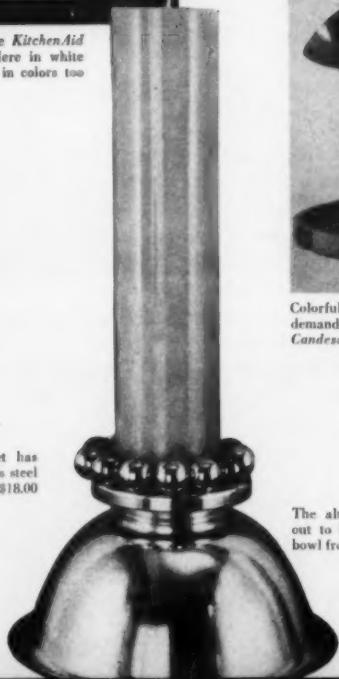
Many are the uses of the KitchenAid electric food preparer. Here in white at \$59.50, it is available in colors too



Colorful plastic dinnerware is an answer to the demands of informal entertaining. Boontonware Candescent 16-piece set in 3 colors, white (\$16.95)



This three-piece carving set has handles of real stag, stainless steel blades. By Robeson Cutlery, \$18.00



The aluminum base for our candle turns out to be a classically simple Silver Glow bowl from W. car-Ever's buffet service (\$4.95)

An apartment that takes its color cue from nature



Alice opens a tin of purple plums, the inspiration from nature which dictated the unusual color scheme for the Medburys' whole apartment

When we married," writes reader Alice Medbury, "George and I were lucky enough to find just the kind of apartment we'd always had in mind. Wanting to start out afresh, so to speak, we decided to junk George's makeshift bachelor furniture, invest entirely in new things. Now, we want a strong color scheme, and I guess *that's* going to be our biggest headache! In looking through a scrapbook of decorating ideas I've been keeping for some time, I ran across the helpful article from your March, 1950 issue in which you advised homemakers to take their color inspiration from nature—fruits and vegetables, for example. We like plums for breakfast, and silly as it may seem, it occurred to me to use them as the basis for our apartment color scheme. It should be a real challenge to work it out. I wonder if you might help us?" We're always pleased as punch to have a reader take a leaf out of our book. Alice's disarming notion is suitably fanciful, certainly not silly, and is a challenge

indeed—one we *did* help her meet. Taking a proprietary interest in the Medburys' decorating problems—and keeping a sharp eye on Alice's plums—we sent samples and a source list of available paints, wallpapers, fabrics and flooring—all reflecting in some way the purple section of the color wheel. The plum, we were happy to point out, is rarely a one-color fruit: instead, it flaunts a whole range of misty tints; there are hues aplenty on which to build a stimulating color scheme. Variety can be provided by using different intensities of the tints and shades in the plum range, and contrast by the play of light and shade on surfaces of varied textures. With plum providing the cohesive theme throughout, their apartment, we feel, is a success. Some of the rooms this color-conscious pair decorated appear on these and the next two pages; they reveal that, far from being monotonous, a monochromatic scheme, if handled tastefully, can create new excitement in the rooms of any home.



Plum hues in all their variations were used lavishly in flooring, paint and fabric in the dining area of the main room. Maple dining furniture (Sun Glow), like other components of the decoration plan, is contemporary, the Medburys' purpose being to impose a fresh, youthful feeling on their apartment—a "floor-through" in a remodeled Baltimore row house. A striking window treatment resulted when George rescued shutters nailed into window reveal and painted them white. Entire wall was covered in cotton fabric, the *Trovatori* pattern, with window shades of the same material unifying one end of the room. In the kitchen (below, left), washable *Velvetex* wall covering provided a brick pattern on which amateur artist Alice painted an espaliered plum tree. Kitchen grouping by Howell; *Flor-Ever* vinyl tile flooring. Everlast fabrics and Glidden Paints were used throughout the whole apartment

EDWARD SELVA

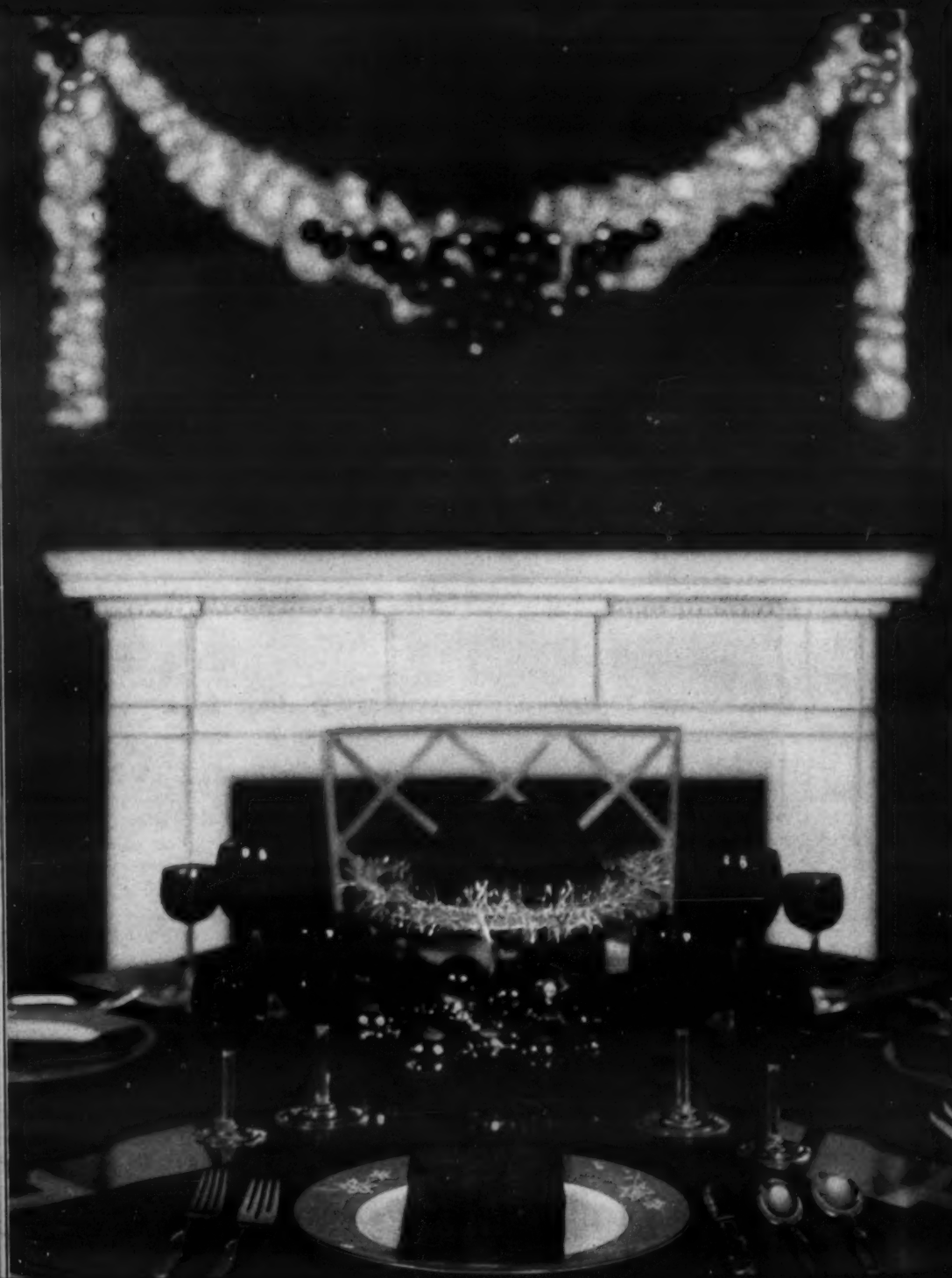


Moving into their new apartment, the newlyweds make light of the job of unpacking goods and chattels



Hanging pictures becomes a test of Alice's decorating ingenuity





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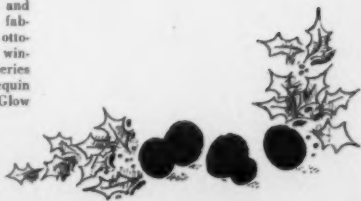
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A color plan is perhaps most successful when all the elements of decoration are keyed to an appropriate motif or theme. Working with authority, Alice brought off her bold plum color scheme handsomely in her Christmas table setting (opposite). Around a Brazil-nut plum pudding centerpiece, china (Flint-ridge's *Misty Leaf*), Fostoria's *Classic* crystal and Irish Linen place mats are integral parts of her color plan. *Silver Melody* sterling by International



LOUIS ROCHER

Color, to be effective, requires more than a perfunctory nod in its general direction. Using an idea that has, literally and figuratively, born fruit, Alice has carried a harmonious range of her favorite color right into the bedroom. It appears in its darkest shade in the amethyst cotton carpet (Bigelow) and quilted bolster; in its lightest tones in the floral-patterned chintz—a fabric used for draperies and repeated in upholstery of the Cox armchair and ottoman. Three walls were painted chalk-white; on the fourth, two off-center windows were attractively camouflaged by covering the entire expanse with a series of sheer casement curtains and drapery panels, a fabric-covered lambrequin acting to frame the whole. Rock maple bedroom furniture is by Sun Glow





Ever since the four-and-twenty blackbirds flew out of the famous pie, hostesses have racked their brains at holidaytime for ways to entertain that will be just as diverting, if not quite so hair-raising. Parties present no problem when space is unlimited, money plentiful and a caterer does the cooking, but in a small apartment and with something less than a nabob's income to conjure with, they're no joke (or, because of these limitations, sometimes they *are*). Happily, we all get a little giddy at Christmastime: eyes are brighter, ideas *seem* brighter, and with any luck, there may be a little extra cash to squander. Such was the case with the young couple (whom we shall call Jack and Jill) whose temporarily bespangled home you see before you. It is a new apartment, not very large, but gay as a lark, and so were the three parties that took place there between Christmas and New Year's. The first was a whirligig of champagne punch and as many friends as could be squeezed into two rooms. Food was confined to tidbits—nothing very serious—merely something to hold in the other hand. The second, a brunch for six people, was very occidental in its menu—chicken hash and *café brûlot*; very oriental in its service—a low table with the guests (all of them young enough to enjoy it) ensconced on the floor. The last was a tour de force: a sit-down supper for twelve with a flow of *vin rosé* and the season's turkey blanketed in *tortillas* and smothered in Mornay sauce. The guests were replete, Jack and Jill were happy (and solvent—they still had enough money left for the movies) and the New Year was in with the merriest possible bang.

High jinks for the holidays: a brunch, punch and a supper

The very word champagne implies a kind of high-kicking frivolity, and Jack and Jill decided that the background must suit the occasion. Two bars were set up—one in the amusingly muraled passageway, the other on a buffet-table placed under a Christmas tree of scarlet felt and a mobile of intricately painted (of all things) eggs. The role of glitter was then played up to the hilt by all the silver the hosts could beg or borrow. Viking *Cherry Pink* punch set, blue and green tumblers; Rosenthal china. International Silver sterling, silver-plate. Mobile is by Ellie Simmons (see page 109)

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Brunch was a precooked affair, with the chicken hash (well nuggeted with water chestnuts) kept warm over a *hibachi* and served in covered bowls of pineapple-shaped milk glass. Bread was toasted as it was needed, and Jack presided at the tricky ritual of the *café brûlot* (that heady brew of coffee, spices and brandy) which was drunk from glasses inserted in silver cups—a very satisfactory innovation. Fresh fruit was the dessert, and a galaxy of cushions made the guests comfortable. Fostoria milk glass, Vernon's Imperial dinnerware. International Silver sterling and silver-plate

Supper for twelve, unless it is a buffet, is a bit of a poser, so Jack and Jill (being of the anti-plate-on-the-lap school) turned their living room into a musical-comedy French café. Tables were covered in felt and decorated with miniature trees of privet, carnations and roses. The *tortillas* were prepared earlier in the day and served from casseroles kept hot over alcohol burners. The salad was tossed, the wine iced, and then there was nothing to do but ring the welkin. Homer Laughlin dinnerware, Imperial crystal, Reilly-Wolff tables, chairs, Heirloom 700 silver-plated casseroles

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The budding artist comes to bloom

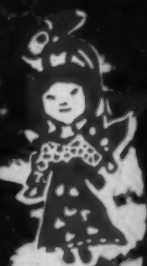
A child's instinct to draw and paint seems to be almost as driving as his impulse to eat: we no more know his motivation than we understand (as a cynical parent once remarked) what makes him occasionally behave like a human being. The provocation, however, is beside the point. All that matters is that it is self-expression of the most satisfactory kind, and if at times the subject is baffling to adults, it never is to the child: he paints what he sees. (A well-known expert in child guidance, at the beginning of her career, had this point driven home with polite precision when she asked a little girl of six what she was painting and was told "a lady." The child expert ventured the opinion that it didn't look much like a lady to her, and was promptly told that if she would close her eyes, it *would*.) The enviable thing about children's painting is the intense pleasure it affords the artist. It's strictly a one-man show, and the fond parent can only watch, admire and keep his hands off. That is why, in the search for what might be called a dual-purpose art, silk-screening has come pleas-

antly close to solving the problem. Ordinarily, one would not consider this ancient art a creative form to be associated with the development of a child's artistic talent. Until recently, because of its highly developed, traditional technique, it was considered far too complicated for anyone but a skilled craftsman. Today, however, because of an all-around simplification perfected by the American Crayon Company, it has become—almost literally, and in more ways than one—child's play. *Child-parent* play is perhaps a better term: although the process requires definite parental supervision, the fun is mutual. It is a partnership: the child is the artist, pure and simple, and mother (or father) is the artisan. The usual silk-screen stencil is cut with a sharp knife, but in the simplified process, the design is drawn directly on the silk with a special crayon that, when the screen is printed, permits color to penetrate only the areas it does not cover. The youngsters do the drawing, the parents the printing, and the results of this dovetailed effort can be seen on page 110. It is not only a collaboration to let off creative steam, but—as you will see—a charming way to fill a few well-padded Christmas stockings.

DOUG OWEN



Christmas



Amy

Christmas

Mel



A remodeled kitchen is an exciting gift for the whole family



When young Jane and Shad Northshield first moved out of New York City and bought a 25-year-old house in nearby Croton on Hudson, their enthusiasm for a large home in the country obscured its one major inconvenience—an outmoded kitchen located an unrealistic thirty feet from the living-dining area. Jane is a “gourmet” cook, and an efficient, modern kitchen is understandably important to her. When they adopted two boys—one American, the other a displaced German orphan—the old kitchen’s impracticality became doubly apparent, for now there were two young mouths with two hearty appetites to feed. With Christmas coming on—the first for Joe and John in their new home—it seemed an ideal time to remodel. Given this impetus, and after he and Jane consulted with a professional kitchen-planner on the design of the proposed kitchen, Shad set to work with more will than experience. As a neophyte in the realm of levels and handsaws, he did brilliantly: the new kitchen has a professional air which the skilled craftsman might well envy.

The remodeled kitchen (opposite) is a model of built-in efficiency and Jane Northshield’s pride and joy. It is also a tribute to Shad’s perseverance in an unfamiliar field: he knocked down part of one wall to create a dining area; he covered the ceiling with cane fiber acoustical tile (*Acousti-Celotex*) to provide sound-conditioning. Although Jane was formerly a laboratory technician, she rightly felt that her kitchen didn’t have to assume a clinical look; to give her the warmth she wanted, Shad paneled the entire area in mellow Philippine mahogany. Light-conditioning has been effectively accomplished through installation of fluorescent channels under wall cabinets and over-all illumination provided by ceiling fixture (*Moe Light*). Vinyl tile flooring is *Amtico*



Grave little faces belie the excitement Joe (6) and John (3) Northshield feel as they await the arrival of gift-bearing editors Margaret Spader and Paul Krauss who helped plan family’s kitchen project

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In the old kitchen (above), Jane, who is something of a culinary expert, had coped reluctantly with clutter, confusion and meager work and storage areas. Preparing for her first Christmas in an adequately equipped kitchen became a constant delight. In keeping with standards of good kitchen planning, space has been sensibly apportioned: with the sink as a base of operations, a counter was placed between it and refrigerator to facilitate the storing and unloading of food; to left, next to corner cabinet and under a chopping-block work surface, dishwasher is convenient to both sink and china storage cabinets. Jane likes to use her cooking paraphernalia as decorative elements: strings of chestnuts and red onions and brightly enameled cooking utensils (Indussa's *Trianon* ware) become colorful accents on Peg-Board panel



SCOTT MYER



Gift baskets containing a loaf of homemade French bread, a bottle of wine and two Rock Cornish game hens are Jane's novel way of saying "Merry Christmas" to her friends. Birds are precooked in transparent film bags and accompanied by instructions for browning. In the dining area of new kitchen (right), Shad keeps a fond eye on the two boys as they join in preparations for their first real Christmas at home





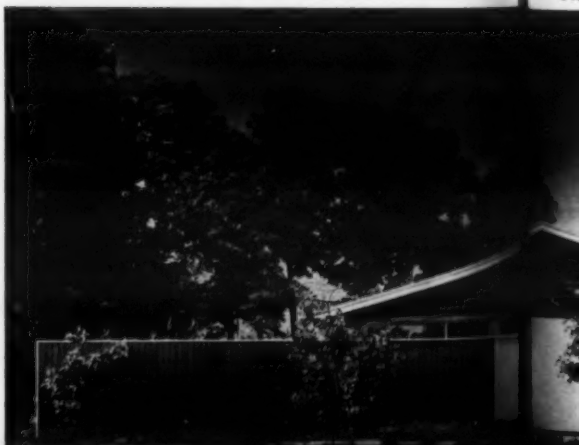
The remodeling venture has given Shad the keen satisfaction of developing handiwork skills he never knew he possessed. The removal of a section of wall on one side of kitchen permitted him to convert the adjacent pantry and closet into a small but adequate auxiliary dining room which serves also as a play area—in sight, but apart from kitchen traffic—for the two boys. Handsome new wall and base cabinets (Republic Steel), used throughout the kitchen proper, more than compensate for the loss of the pantry. Placement of disposer unit in one corner of paneled dining area (left) is not as incongruous as it seems: Jane finds its appearance (trim) and its sound (quiet) well in harmony with its surroundings. Two *Pella* wood folding doors, which Shad installed, are space-conservers in this small area. In the range unit (below) desirable work space has been furnished on either side with ample storage below. Above the range, a *NuTone* ventilating fan in the hood provides good air circulation, while on the wall a strip of pumpkin-colored *Formica* (used also on counter tops) is an easily-maintained surface. Oven-broiler, range and disposer units by Caloric





A house with a perfect sense of shelter

In his book, *The House and the Art of Its Design*, Robert Woods Kennedy calls the house, per se, the most difficult of all design problems simply because it must perform, inside its walls and out, many of the functions of a restaurant, laundry, hotel, playground, nursery, schoolroom, tailor shop, office, garage, theater, studio, laboratory and a host of other things determined by the eccentricities of its owners. This is a tall order, and only occasionally does a design come along that fulfills these obligations—or most of them—satisfactorily and without costing a small fortune. This house, designed by Bruce McCarty and built in Knoxville, Tennessee, by Martin Bartling, is, in our estimation, and for a house of moderate size and cost, eminently successful in concept and design. It is exceptional, primarily, for [Continued on page 80]



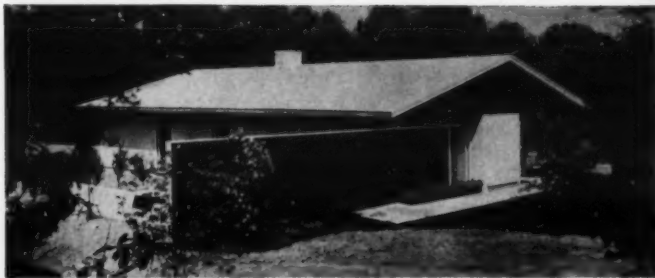
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 Landscape architect..... **Robert L. Zion, M.L.A.**
 Lighting engineer..... **Richard Kelly**
 Structural engineer..... **Fred N. Severud**
 Consulting engineers..... **Guy B. Panero**
 Collaborator on kitchen planning..... **The Holpoint Co.**

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Color co-ordination in this house begins on the exterior and then moves in-
 doors with no change in scheme except in mutation of hues. The masonry core
 is the same color inside and out—pale gray-blue. Fencing and gable-end
 louvers are stained hickory-nut brown (a color repeated in a lighter shade in
 the interior paneling) and the painted siding is a muted beige. The pure
 white roof has a beautiful texture and extraordinary practicality (structural
 roof deck, insulation, felt and roof covering are all combined in one product:
Mineral-Cel by *Armor-Cel*) with a mineral granuled surface to deflect the rays
 of the sun. There is a minimum of glass on the street-side elevation, and the two
 terraces (one is an extension of the living room, the other of the family room)
 are given complete protection by the wall-continuation sections of fencing



Movement and vision flow effortlessly from

interior to exterior with glass walls and doors to dispel all sense of barrier

its utter simplicity and great refinement of structure. Because the architect had the ability to consider aesthetic demands simultaneously with the down-to-earth practicalities of building, it succeeds as a *home* because it succeeds as a *house*. The two definitions of a structure to live in are not always compatible. When they are not, the planning has somehow gone astray and the owner never fully realizes the delight of living in a perfect, or almost perfect, home. When they are, they are proof that architecture, as an art, is not only distinguished but comprehensive. To Mr. McCarty, and probably to most of us, the word "roof" means shelter, and to stress that synonymity, he has designed for this house a strong, simple, gently peaked roof with its trusses supported by a masonry core that extends the full length of the building. By running a ribbon of glass around the house perimeter at eave height, the roof appears suspended, rather than supported, and its sense of shelter—since it is so unoppressive—has a floating, canopylike quality, rather than the tight little feeling of a lid clamped on a box forever. Beneath the roof, there are three sharp areal delineations: the house-dividing masonry core which holds the baths, the kitchen and the utility room, and on one side of it the living room, on the other the bedrooms and the family-dining room. The walls, in a sense, are incidental. Since they need not support, they are placed in accordance with the activities they enclose, and on the exterior, they are continued (in the form of fencing) for the same purpose—to shelter living areas, this time in the open air. There is further protection, both actual and visual, in the overhangs, which are unusually deep (the instinct which drove men to caves has metamorphosed, but it still persists), and at night, the sense of shelter is intensified by a series of down-lights *outside* the windows to provide a warm curtain of light that envelops the house like a sheath. In addition, all the reassuring aspects of living-conditioning appear in the tempering of light, space, heating and cooling, safety, sound and color.

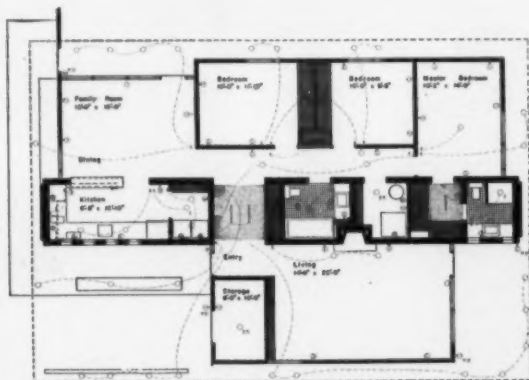




An adaptation of the "curtain of light" device (well known in the theater, rarely seen in a home) is used with great effectiveness to illuminate the house and terraces at night and, simultaneously, to mask the interior from passers-by. This, when it is properly focused, light can do, and a series of fixtures in the underside of the overhang provide the source. Of the two terraces, the one above—off the family room—is perhaps the more functional, with a precast concrete table for dining and games a permanent fixture. (Service from the kitchen is very simple.) This, too, is the children's terrace, since it is easily kept under surveillance from the kitchen and family room. The living-room terrace (opposite) is somewhat more formal, with one section extended around the house to supply a spot for sun-bathing from the master bedroom. Both terraces are paved in concrete, both are furnished with black iron furniture upholstered in coral, aquamarine and a sharp yellow-green. The plan (below) shows the house so bisected by the utility-housing masonry core as to segregate the three bedrooms and establish quite distinct adult and juvenile areas

Final plan (superimposed below) approved by National Adequate Wiring Bureau

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 - three-way switch
 - concealed lighting
 - lighting above translucent ceiling
 - push button
 - alarm
 - telephone



Entry has a dropped ceiling of translucent panels, lighted from above by fluorescent strips. Here, traffic is channeled in two directions: at left, to the living room; at right, to the family room, the kitchen and bedrooms



Plans, working drawings, specifications and building information on this house are available in a convenient file case, ppd, at \$10. For your Home Building Kit, write to LIVING For Young Homemakers, Dept. P. 10, 575 Madison Ave., New York 22, N. Y.



**The living room
is an index
to the integration
of the over-all
house planning**

Impeccably combined and balanced, the textures and colors of the house reach their full flowering in the living room, with masonry, glass and wood paneling played against each other with the harmony of a musical triad. Paneling—a handsome species of mahogany from French Equatorial Africa—is a variant in hue of the nut-brown stain used on the exterior. Fabric colors—blues and greens, for the most part—were chosen for background value, emphasis and bite: the draperies have the same pale smokiness of the masonry wall, the rug is a deliberately sharp contrast. Furniture is elegant, sleek and very simple, with a touch of brass here and there, and an emphasis everywhere on perfect proportion. A few pieces are of lightly scaled iron, and—a nicety of decorative integration—the cabinets are faced with the same textured plastic that covers two of the ottomans. A boon to the accumulative bibliophile, books are housed on one wall on adjustable shelves supported by brackets held in exposed vertical double-faced framing channels. This "strut" system (by L. A. Darling) unites brackets and mahogany panels in a new concept of space division. Light-conditioning, day and night, is particularly inventive. Draperies (all, for exterior conformity, are lined with a pale blue insulating material) can be drawn over the entire glass wall and the panel of glass louvers so that sunlight, well-tempered by the overhang, is admitted only through the ribbon windows. At night, general illumination is supplied by the exterior "light curtain"; pinpointed light from the portable lamps and the two hanging fixtures does the rest. As a continuing gesture to comfort, the house is completely air-conditioned (cool air is diffused through the wall outlet over the bookshelves) and warmed in winter by electrical resistance radiant heat with cables in all ceilings except the family room, where they are laid in the slab





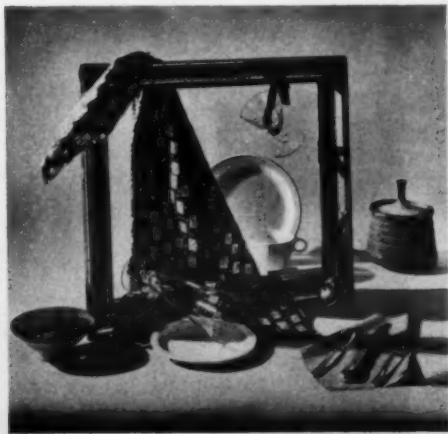
The kitchen: a union of good- looks, function

Handsome kitchens, unfortunately, are as handsome as kitchens do. They may bloom with all the tints and tricks of the trade and be utter duds at performance time. They are rooms that must work, and if they can be attractive in the bargain, the cook can ask no more. This kitchen is something of a paragon: its good-looks are obvious and it runs like a top. Occupying the street-side end of the masonry core, it has four glass jalousies that open onto the carport, a sensibly planned progression of work surfaces and appliances, and excellent night-light from down-lights and fluorescent strips over the cook-top and pass-through. Cabinets are wood, stained a variation of the masonry-wall blue, and floor and ceiling are white, as they are throughout the house. Yellow counter tops add a modicum of ginger, and refrigerator, dishwasher and wall oven are all of stainless steel. The laundry has its own area at one end of the room and can be isolated with folding Veni-Flex doors (another folding door shuts off kitchen from family room, and if complete enclosure were desired, the pass-through, too, could be screened). Two ceiling fans in kitchen and laundry supply ventilation; a combination clock-radio is the source of both music and time of day





Television and dining are the two main activities of the family room, and since both diversions are of a jovial nature, the ceiling—to keep the sound pleasantly muffled—is of acoustical tile. This is a free-and-easy room, with furniture light enough to carry about, and a nest of tables for spur-of-the-moment meals, games, homework (possibly) and cool drinks (definitely). Dinnerware, glass and silver (a few prominent figures in their fields are seen below) are stored in the cabinet—accessible from either side—beneath the convenient pass-through counter





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Of the three bedrooms, only one, the master bedroom (opposite, top) has the masonry core as its fourth wall. Blue, as a consequence, is the dominant color—the solid turquoise in the bed's bolster and dust ruffle, turquoise, brown and beige in the cover. The rug is honey-beige and the furniture is finished in a tobacco-brown. This room has its own bath (above, left) tiled in the icy pink of a birthday cake and opening off a dressing room with two walls of closets. The second bath (above, right) is canary-yellow with a lavatory counter topped in chocolate-brown. The remaining two bedrooms, since they need not conform to the color demands of the masonry wall, assert their right to call the tune by being as bright as tropical birds in lemon and mustard-yellow, in orange and tangerine. All the bedrooms are paneled in mahogany; all have ceiling diffusers for cool air and wall controls and speakers for the house radio; all have the ribbon of glass at ceiling height. The ribbon, incidentally, is a cogent example of thoughtful design: the "floating" roof, since it needs no post supports, makes it possible for the glass to be invisibly mitered when it turns corners—a small but pleasant factor that contributes to the general feeling of airiness. A typical closet (below) holds, or could hold, a complete wardrobe. The same arrangement of brackets and shelves (in this case, shelves are of heavy wire) is used as for the book wall in the living room. Each shelf is adjustable to accommodate boxes awkward in size, and there is provision for all the doodads of the most impeccable of well-dressed owners



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FURNITURE

CUSTOM CRAFT: upholstered furniture
designed by Paul McCobb

HARVARD: bedframes

WINCHENDON FURNITURE: wood pieces
designed by Paul McCobb

FABRICS, WEAR

BARWICK: viscose rayon carpets

BLOOMCRAFT: fabrics and ready-mades

DEERING-MILLIKEN: *Milium* insulating drapery
lining

B. F. GOODRICH: Spongex carpet cushion

INDIAN HEAD MILLS: cotton place mat and
napkin fabric

BEDDING

FIELDCREST: sheets, blankets and towels

PURIFIED DOWN PRODUCTS: bed pillows

SERTA: mattresses and box springs

KITCHEN AND DINING EQUIPMENT

CURTIS: kitchen cabinets

CUTCO: cutlery

DOMINION: toaster and coffee-maker

HOLMES & EDWARDS: *Bright Future* silver-
plated flatware

HOTPOINT: major appliances

KOHLER: sink

METALCRAFT: *Magikan* step-on refuse container

OWENS-ILLINOIS GLASS: Libbey glassware

PLAS-TEX: mixing bowls

PLASTICS MANUFACTURING: *Texas Ware*
plastic dinnerware

WEAR-EVER: *Hallite* cooking utensils

OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT

CHATTANOOGA ROYAL: barbecue

JOHNSTON: lawn mower

MOLLA: iron terrace furniture

DECORATIVE STRUCTURAL MATERIALS

AMERICAN-OLEAN TILE: bathroom ceramic tile

CONGOLEUM-NAIRN: *Gold Seal* Vinylite
flooring

HEXCEL: *Honeylite* translucent ceiling panels

UNITED STATES PLYWOOD: *Samara* mahogany
paneling

MISCELLANEOUS

BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM: colored telephones

GENERAL ELECTRIC: television, radios

GOULD-MERSEREAU: drapery hardware

HERSCHEDE: clocks

HOOVER: vacuum cleaner

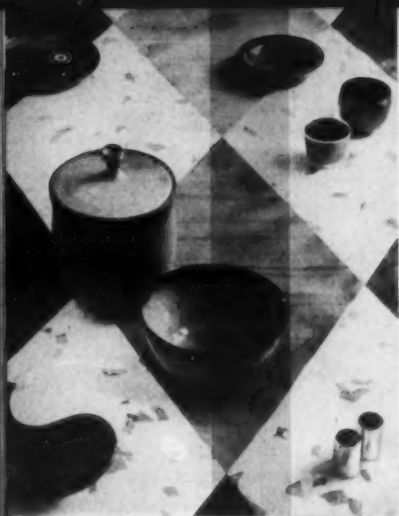
KATZENBACH & WARREN: wallpaper

KOCH & LOWY: lighting fixtures

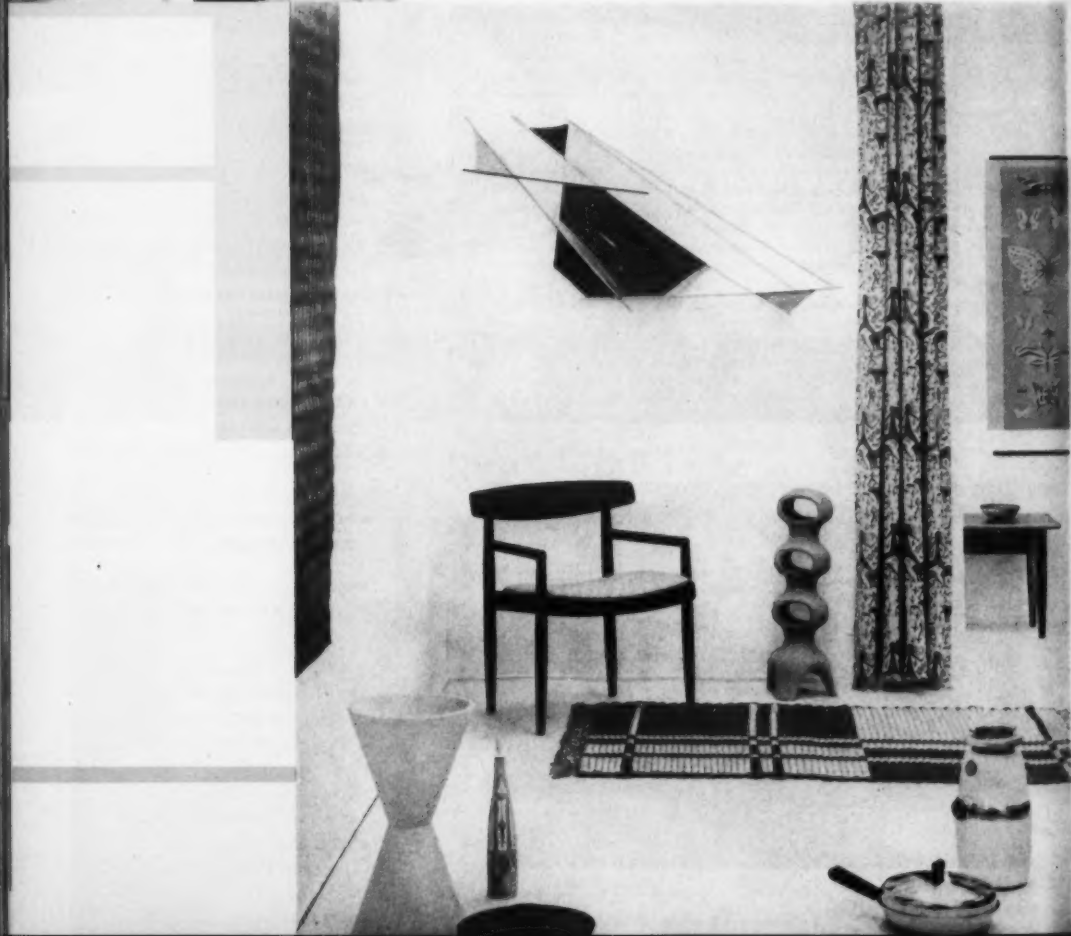
LASKY BROS. & ELISH: closet accessories

LAUREL: lamps

HOWARD MILLER: fireplace equipment



To fit the region's expansive pattern of living, California design attends to all phases of home life. The grouping below encompasses such disparate objects as a garbage disposer by Stephen Briggs (by Given, \$90), an outdoor planter, a striking example of Architectural Pottery by La-Gardo Tackett (\$12), and a three-tiered terra-cotta lantern by Malcolm Leland (\$15). The figured block print by Doris Ormsby and the textured linen rug by Ida Dean Grae are examples of the high degree of technical skill attained by young California designers. The oriental influence is strongly reflected in John Freeman's wood and fabric kite (\$20), used here as a wall decoration. At left on a silk wallpaper by Harry Lawenda are a jar and a bowl, products of Gertrud and Otto Natzler. Both pieces are one-of-a-kind, individually conceived and executed (jar, \$35, bowl, \$10). The elongated coffee table (right) by John Kapel has legs and stretchers of walnut, top and side drawer of cherry (\$150). Walnut and foam-rubber chair by Greta Magnusson Grossman (opposite) is \$40





CALIFORNIA DESIGNERS PRESENT



Americans, who have a propensity for labeling everything, have grown to give the tag, *California Designed*, an admiring respect. The Golden State's reputation as a source of good contemporary design is perhaps more noteworthy in the home field than in any other and a recent exhibition of objects for the home sponsored by the Long Beach Municipal Art Center in collaboration with the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum in San Francisco appeared to many observers to epitomize the fruition of the design movement. Organized by Samuel Heavenrich, director of the Long Beach Center, the exhibition included 315 entries, the work of 128 designers. More than 100 objects, many of them shown on these pages, will be part of a show circulated nationally by the American Federation of Arts, New York, to give other Americans an opportunity to study at firsthand what their Far Western compatriots are accomplishing. (For dates and cities, see page 116.) For the most part, the California designers represented in the exhibition are youthful, accounting for the immediate impression that this is design conceived and created by young people for their contemporaries, to meet the demands of present-day living patterns and budgets. Another distinct impression is that California design, like other alert currents of American life, is internationally minded. Inspiration comes from the Far East, with the influences of Scandinavia and Italy also apparent, translated, of course, into an American idiom.



Norbert Shaffer



Harry Lawenda



John Rapel



Margaret Beane Paul



Willie Paul



Grace M. Greenman





Eleanor Forbes Sam Maloof



Otto Natzler



Gertrud Natzler



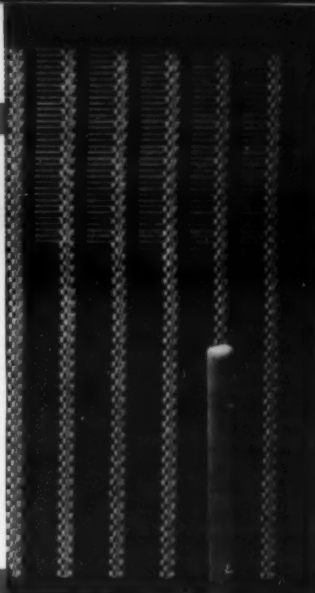
LaGarde Tackett



Philipp Yost



Edith Heath



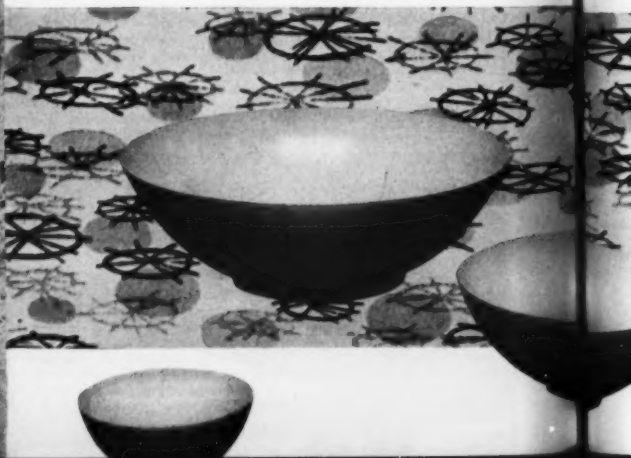
Most of the designers represented in the *California Designed* exhibit now touring the country are young people with fresh ideas as well as an understanding of the aesthetic and practical needs of their nondesigning young public. Opposite, top to bottom, are: Norbert Shaeffer, an industrial designer from Hollywood, who contributed stainless steel and copper kitchenware (a skillet on a preceding page). Harry Lawenda is co-owner of Kneeder-Fauchere, a showroom for decorators and architects in San Francisco. Furniture designer John Kapel shares a studio with his wife who is a sculptress. Margaret Boone Paul and Hallie E. Paul—a husband and wife team—designed a silk-screen butterfly scroll in the show. Greta Grossman who trained in Sweden has been in California since 1940. Above, left to right are: Eleanor Forbes, director of interior design at Gump's in San Francisco, and a graduate of the California School of Fine Arts. Sam Maloof not only designs but also manufactures his furniture (including stool, right). Another husband and wife team are Otto and Gertrud Natzler, whose ceramics are in museums in this country and abroad. LaGarde Tackett has won several Museum of Modern Art Good Design Awards for his designs in sculptural pottery. Philipp Yost, who has taught design in several colleges, is well known for his wallpaper and textile designs. Another former instructor, Edith Heath, designs and manufactures her internationally known *Heathware*, including cup and saucer (above, right)

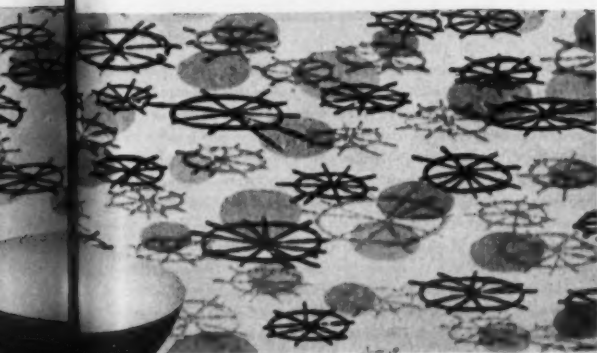
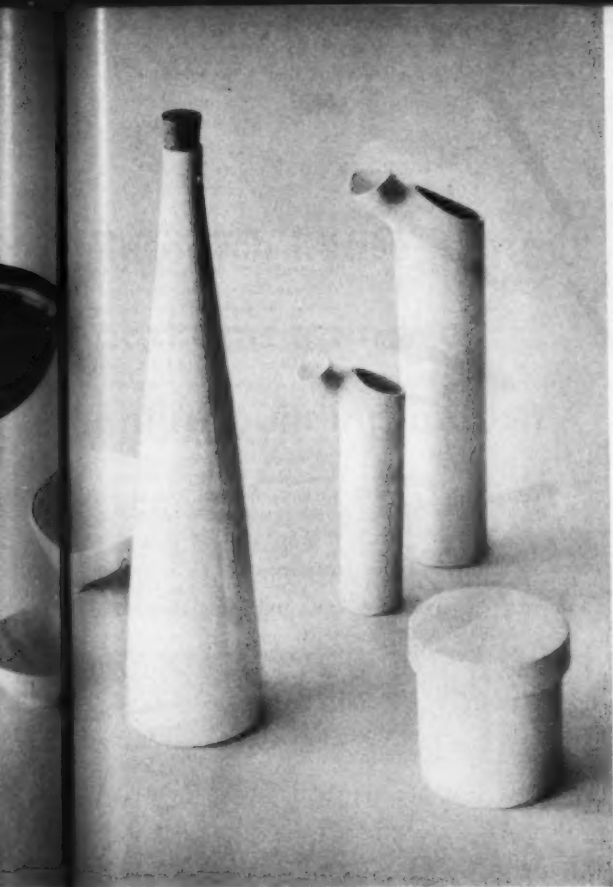


Strongly and justifiably reminiscent of the Orient is the screen opposite, designed by Henry Takahashi of San Francisco. It is made of Japanese rice paper with butterflies and leaves between two laminated sheets of the paper, the textured transparency giving an unusual three dimensional effect. The bamboo ottoman, fastened together with rattan and topped with rough shantung, by Eleanor Forbes, and the terra-cotta candleholder by Mary Erckenbrack (#8) also echo the Far East. The window shade of wooden slats bound together with woven cords by Louise Cherry suggests the kind of blind used in Japanese houses for protection against the elements. Place mat of jute and cotton is by Lydia Van Gelder (#1)

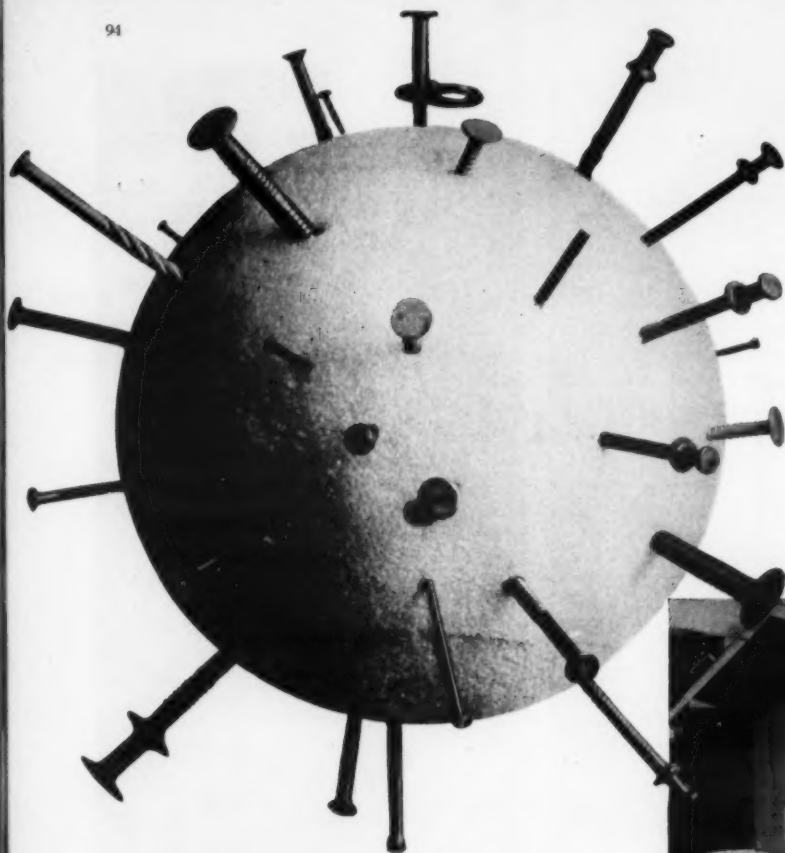


California pottery designers have applied knowledge of their art to turn out an impressive array of ceramic objects, both useful and decorative. Clay chafing-dish set (left) is by Marian Moule (\$32). Edith Heath's ovenproof stone-ware casseroles (lower left) come in a variety of glazes. They range in size from a half pint to five quarts; \$2 to \$20. The ceramic bottle, tubular pitchers and jar (right) of LaGardo Tackett are \$1 to \$2. Bowls (below) are baked enamel on aluminum by Florence Thomas, \$3 to \$5. Terracotta lantern (far right) is a delightfully imaginative piece designed by Malcolm Leland for either a hanging or standing position. Fabrics and wallpapers of museum quality are also coming from California designers' studios. Handwoven, natural colored casement cloth in a leno weave (left) is by Teofil Kamola. Both wallpapers shown here express a fresh approach to this medium of decoration. The current interest in colored geometric figures is seen in the attractively patterned wallpaper at right (by Stockwell, \$10 a roll). The paper below, designed by Philipp Yost, is a study in the arrangement of a basic pattern (Imperial, \$3)





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Christmas ornament studded with many of the varieties of nails used in construction of the research house symbolizes the spirit in which it was offered for experimentation by the sponsor, Independent Nail and Packing Company. Built in Blacksburg, Virginia, house was designed as a prototype for a project home, to accommodate an average family. With three bedrooms and two baths, it could be built as a tract house to sell at \$15,000. Besides serving as a vehicle for development and testing of nailing and fastening devices, it was planned to provide living-conditioned comforts



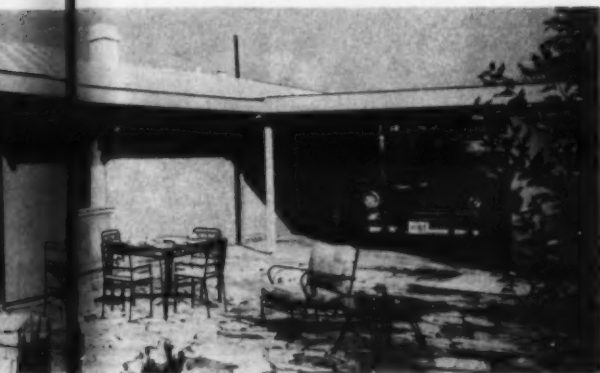
BOBBY WYKE

There are few experiences that surpass the excitement of opening a gift package, simply because curiosity is one of the most persistent human instincts. Catering to curiosity, we have taken a house which was conceived as a gift from the building industry to the homemaking public and literally unwrapped it to show what goes on behind the scenes, to give a better understanding of the hidden assets in home construction and what they mean in terms of comfort and value. The house in question is the result of two years of experimentation to prove conclusively something always felt to be true: namely, that better building techniques can provide greater usable space at savings which can be passed on to the homeowner in terms of more comfort in that space. To help prove the point, we joined forces with the sponsor, Independent Nail and Packing Company and the co-sponsor, the Research Institute of National Association of Home Builders. To take the project for a field demonstration in the use of nails and proper nailing techniques, the

Wood Research Laboratory of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute was appointed, under the direction of Dr. E. George Stern. The improved nail was the focal point of interest in the construction of the house. While most of us could perhaps recognize and know the uses of half a dozen nails, there were actually thirty-three different nails used in the house, the aim being to find which served best for various specialized construction needs. For example, a floor-nailing machine was used which assured faster operation and proper angling of threaded nails through hardwood flooring. Testing was done with various types of threaded nails rather than plain shank nails for stronger joints. Hardened steel nails colored to blend with interior wood paneling were employed. The trussed rafter used throughout the house is an all-nailed design developed by the V.P.I. Wood Research Laboratory. Besides showing that by application of advanced nailing techniques a better frame house can be built at the same cost as by conventional nailing, the house also offered an

Research house is a gift package from the entire building industry

Result of an unprecedented collaboration, it became a laboratory of construction materials and techniques



opportunity for research in other fields. While it was not conceived as an architectural design project, much thought was devoted to planning and equipping the structure to provide as many living-conditioned comforts as were consistent with cost. For example, the grouping of plumbing, heating, cooling and electrical distribution elements together was a major consideration in space-conditioning. Complete climate-conditioning, engineered lighting and wiring system (planned according to practices recommended by the Adequate Wiring Bureau and National Association of Home Builders) and an acoustical ceiling in home's work center are other comfort features. Attention to safety included such precautionary measures as a home fire detector. These factors created opportunities for exercises in the proper use of many materials and types of equipment. In fact, many manufacturers (listed right) entered the project to complete the house package, each contributing technological knowledge toward making it a significant gift to the American home-buying public.

Sponsor: INDEPENDENT NAIL & PACKING

Co-sponsor: THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HOME BUILDERS RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Laboratory and field demonstration: VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

PARTICIPATING MANUFACTURERS

ARROW-HART & HEGEMAN ELECTRIC: QUIETTE JR. switches and wiring devices

BLACKSTONE: BLACKSTONE automatic washer and electric dryer

BRIGGS MANUFACTURING: BRIGGS BEAUTYWARE plumbing fixtures and fittings

E. L. BRUCE: BRUCE prefinished standard grade oak flooring

PHILIP CAREY MANUFACTURING, MIAMI CABINET DIVISION: DUETTE custom model and de-luxe model medicine cabinets

PHILIP CAREY MANUFACTURING: CAREY mineral wool batt insulation

DOUGLAS FIR PLYWOOD ASSOCIATION: Douglas fir plywood sheathing and subflooring, etc.

EDWARDS COMPANY: EDWARDS home fire alarm system

FEDERAL PACIFIC ELECTRIC: STAB-LOK circuit breaker and service entrance equipment

GENERAL BRONZE: ALWINTITE sliding windows with screens and hardware

GENERAL CABLE: ROMEX nonmetallic sheathed cable

GENERAL CHROME: Bathroom accessories

H-BRACE: Hurricane braces

INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER: Refrigerator and freezer chest

KWIKSET LOCKS: KWIKSET "600" line residential lock sets

LIMA REGISTER: LIMA floor and wall diffusers

LITECRAFT MANUFACTURING: LITECRAFT lighting fixtures

MAJESTIC: MAJESTIC THULMAN prefabricated chimney

MONSANTO CHEMICAL: REZ penetrating sealer

MULLINS MANUFACTURING: YOUNGSTOWN KITCHENS electric sink with disposer and automatic dishwasher, all kitchen cabinets and ARISTOCRAT hood

MUNCIE GEAR WORKS: MARVAIR air-conditioner

NUTONE: NUTONE annunciator, vent fan and blower

C. A. OLSEN MANUFACTURING: LUXAIRE heating unit

OWENS-CORNING FIBERGLAS: SONOFACED acoustical tile

RCA ESTATE APPLIANCE: Electric range

RHEEM MANUFACTURING: RHEEM electric hot water heater

ROLSCREEN: PELLA wood folding doors

RUBEROID: LOK-TAB asphalt shingles

ST. REGIS PAPER, PANELYTE DIVISION: PANELYTE counter tops and wall surfacing

SONOCO PRODUCTS: SONOARDUCT fiber ducts

VISKING: VISQUEEN polyethylene film

ROOF



At the fabricator's, 21 trussed rafters were assembled on a jig table. Paint, sprayed through a metal template, marked locations for helically threaded SCREWITE nails. Template was designed by V.P.I. to simplify new nailing techniques



Each trussed rafter was suspended in inverted position between supporting exterior walls. With a mechanic at ridge joint, it was then turned upright, set into hurricane braces and nailed. Trussed rafters allow nonload bearing partitions



Plywood sheathing with annularly threaded sheathing nails. Use of 4 x 8 construction and tied the

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WALLS



Upon completion of subflooring, it was pressed into service as a platform on which exterior walls were built. Jig blocks were temporarily mounted on subfloor, each frame assembled as a package, using STRONGHOLD screw framing nails

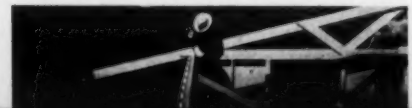


Window casings are also packages, installed as designated in the plan into panelized wall sections. Workmen nailed aluminum casing for sliding windows through special flange on casing, then through the sheathing and into the frame



Douglas fir plywood sheathing was nailed to framing with bright steel annularly-threaded sheathing nails. Building paper was applied over sheathing, siding nailed to sheathed frame

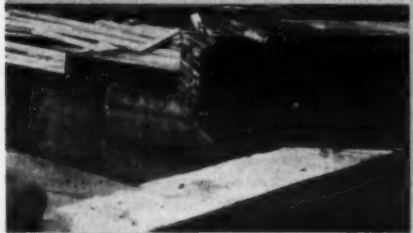
Completed wall sections were tilted up and braced temporarily to each other until trussed rafters and roof sheathing bound all together. Note metal hurricane braces atop left wall. These have been nailed to receive and hold rafters



If we stop to think of it, a house is essentially many packages within a package. This one was photographed in detail from the time ground was broken until the last nail was driven, to make sure that each package was recorded before it was concealed to the eye. Why, you may ask, is it so important for the homeowner to know these packages and their hidden assets? Simply because he wants, even expects, comforts and yet so often doesn't take the trouble to find out what they entail in terms of construction and cost. As a result, he fails to appreciate the packages he has bought. For example, the homeowner may not realize comfort underfoot may be due in large measure to a dampproofing material between the concrete slab foundation and the earth, a material he has probably never seen. Yet, if it is not there, he is the first to complain if his flooring cups. He may better appreciate the warmth of his home in winter and its coolness in summer if he knows that they are the result of a package concealed in his walls, behind many other packages also unseen. In the house shown here, the insulation (Philip Carey) is hidden on the outside by sheathing, in turn hidden by building paper, hidden by siding. It is to this kind of better understanding that this house is dedicated.

House package (opposite) is being wrapped: exterior siding has been applied and roof is being sheathed. When glazing is installed, the exterior will be ready for trimming—paint and stain. Here, we have arranged major structural packages—foundation, walls and roof—in relation to their position in the completed house. Packages are delivered, of course, from the ground up

FOUNDATION



Like anything built from the ground up, a house, in a sense, is no more secure than its foundation. Foundation walls, stepped to follow the plot's undisturbed contour, here receive perimeter insulation of asphalt-enclosed FIBERGLAS to keep heat loss through the slab (to be poured later) to a minimum



Another aspect of the into home construction of mechanical bases, right, the plenum or plenum sleeves enclose

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was nailed to rafters. **STRONGHOLD** sheathing channels speeded the construction of the roof structure together.



Two-ply underlayment is applied over plywood sheathing, cut out for plumbing vent, fascia cap and flashings were attached. **THULMAN** chimney was fastened through roof sheathing to framing; sheathing was cut for chimney liner.



Starting at the eave, **LOX-TAB** shingles were nailed in place with annularly threaded asphalt-shingle nails. Interlocking design provides security against wind, predetermines the amount of shingles exposed. Carport area has built-up roof.



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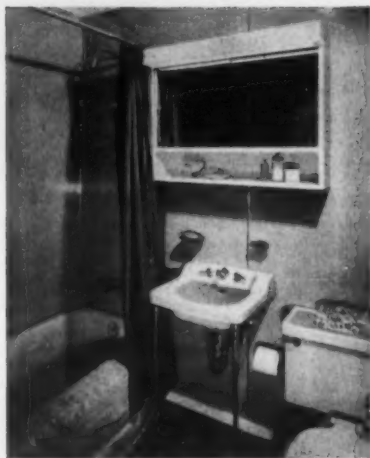
enclaging which goes in organization plumbing tree, left, and smocks are grouped. ducts for distributing air



After dirt was smoothed and topped with sand fill, polyethylene film was laid to keep ground moisture from entering slab, helps reduce dampness in the house. Film was cut out to allow for the plenum, to which ducts were attached, running to perimeter of building where floor registers were located

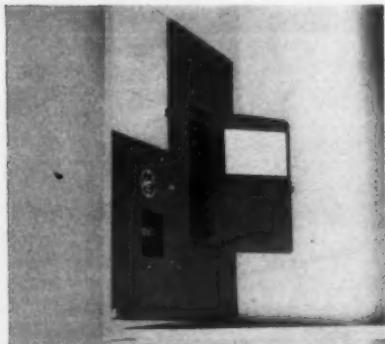


Concrete slab was poured right over film, mesh and packaged heating distribution system, with plumbing pipes protruding. Slab was allowed to cure, then 2 x 4 sleepers were fastened to slab with fluted **SCREWTITE** masonry nails. Sleepers give air space between slab and the **PLYSCORD** subflooring



Plumbing for two baths was arranged economically by having fixtures in each back to back. Bath (above) opening onto lavatory, takes no floor space. Bath, mechanically ventilated by a NUTONE fan (above, far right) which is activated when light is turned on. Shower fittings were especially designed for thin-wall construction; mechanism is on the surface for easy maintenance

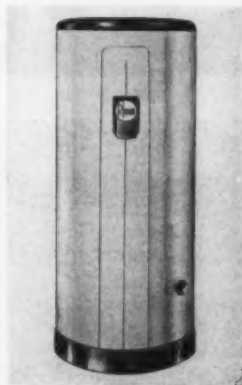
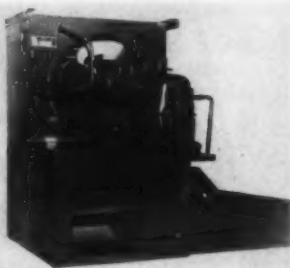
Packaged air-cooled air-conditioner (MARVAIR) is located in shallow attic, takes no floor space. Properly installed, it obviates necessity for ducts. Return air is taken through grille in hall ceiling for recirculation



Service entrance equipment (Federal Pacific Electric) is electrical center of house, neatly installed in storage closet. A symbol of home's engineered wiring, equipment's main control is a circuit breaker eliminating fuse replacement



Master bath is an outside room, features built-in lavatory, flush-mounted medicine cabinet with fluorescent lighting. Both baths have easy-to-clean PANELYTE wall surfacing and BRIGGS BEAUTYWARE fixtures



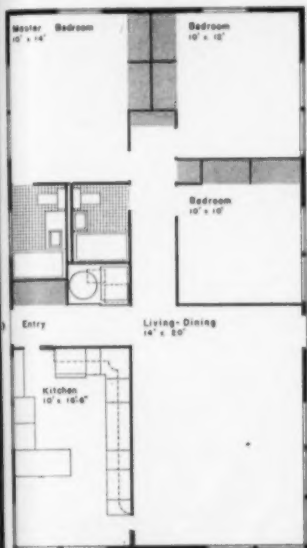
Electric water heater (RHEEM) is located in furnace room. Of 82-gallon capacity, it more than anticipates the needs of the average family



Compact plan includes an amazing amount of family living in 1,100 square feet. There are three bedrooms, two full baths (possible in the small home only through stringent economies), a living-dining area and a kitchen-laundry with dining corner. Space-saving features are: a mechanical core which houses not only furnace and water heater but baths, air-conditioner and storage closet; storage walls used as interior partitioning; thin-wall construction (utilizing 2 x 4s flat-wise) which saves two inches on wall thickness, possible since interior walls are nonbearing



Furnace is a LUXAIRE counter-flow unit, for installation in slab houses. It sends warmed air through SONOAIRODUCT fiber ducts to the LIMA perimeter diffusers



Heat enters rooms through diffusers to provide a curtain of warm air near windows. BRUCE prefinished strip flooring is oak, window sash (ALWINTITE), aluminum. An important factor in home's safety-conditioning, EDWARDS automatic fire alarm (top right), is located in master bedroom



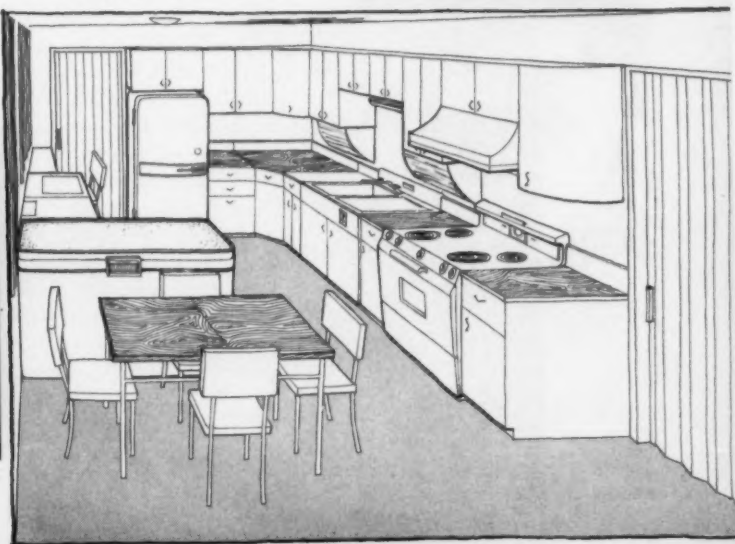
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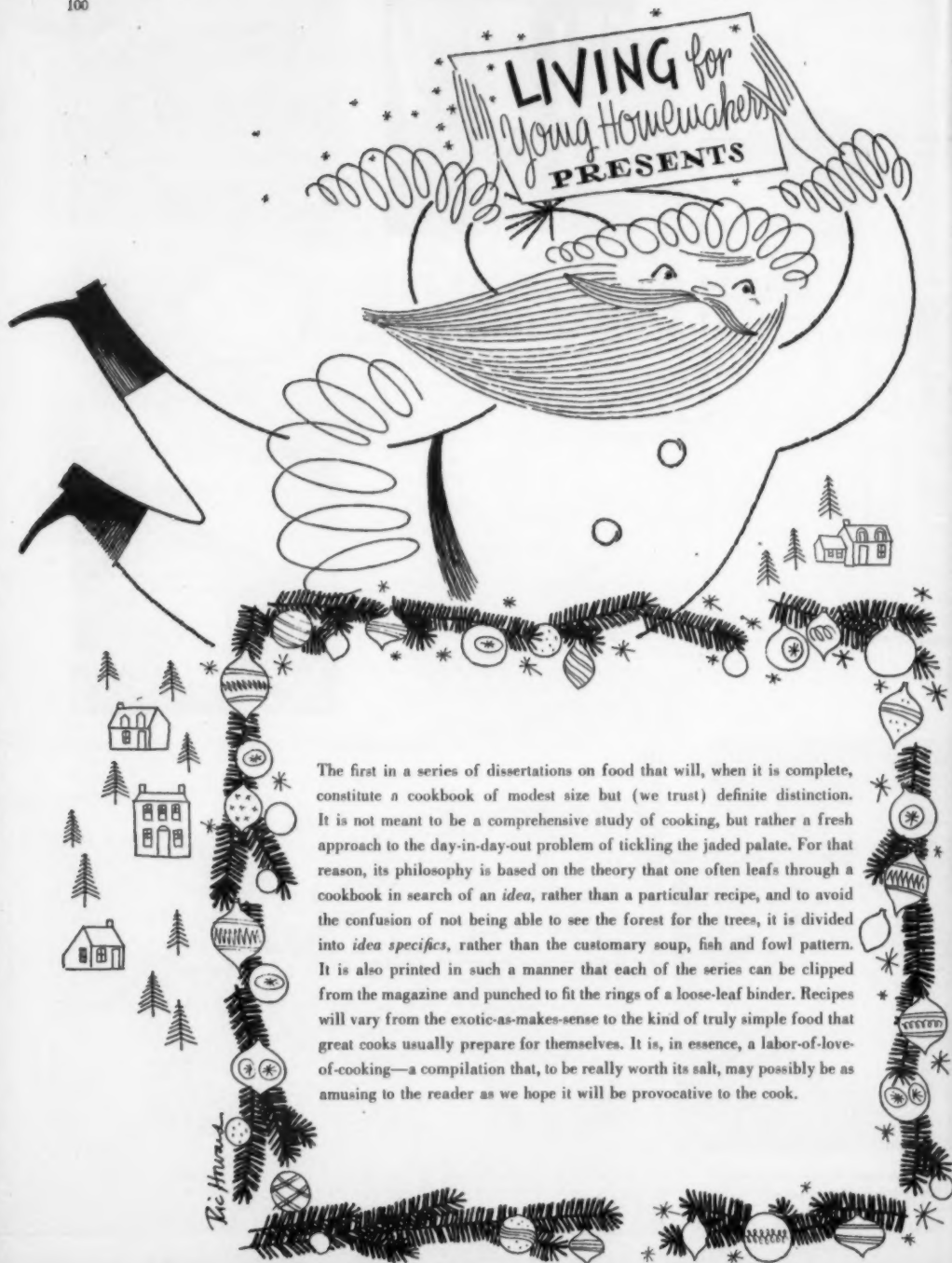


Kitchen is divided into three main areas: a small dining space; a service area with desk, laundry equipment and a freezer; and third, a food preparation center with range, refrigerator and sink. It packs full equipment and storage cabinets (YOUNGSTOWN KITCHENS) into allotted floor space. Space-savers which make this feat possible are the PELLA wood folding doors, Climate-conditioning feature is a ventilating hood (right). Note roll-front cabinets which utilize space between counters and wall cabinets. Ceiling was surfaced with easily maintained SONOFACED acoustical tile (above, right); ceiling fixture (LITECRAFT) provides general light for whole work area



Multifunctional service area has a planning desk for the housewife, a BLACKSTONE washer and dryer and a freezer, covered to provide additional work space





The first in a series of dissertations on food that will, when it is complete, constitute a cookbook of modest size but (we trust) definite distinction. It is not meant to be a comprehensive study of cooking, but rather a fresh approach to the day-in-day-out problem of tickling the jaded palate. For that reason, its philosophy is based on the theory that one often leafs through a cookbook in search of an *idea*, rather than a particular recipe, and to avoid the confusion of not being able to see the forest for the trees, it is divided into *idea specifics*, rather than the customary soup, fish and fowl pattern. It is also printed in such a manner that each of the series can be clipped from the magazine and punched to fit the rings of a loose-leaf binder. Recipes will vary from the exotic-as-makes-sense to the kind of truly simple food that great cooks usually prepare for themselves. It is, in essence, a labor-of-love-of-cooking—a compilation that, to be really worth its salt, may possibly be as amusing to the reader as we hope it will be provocative to the cook.

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Holiday

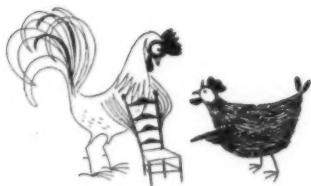
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Fowl

"If Adam and Eve ruined themselves for an apple, what would they have done for a truffled fowl?"—Brillat-Savarin

King Henry IV once placated the disgruntled peasantry of France with the promise of a chicken in every pot, and although he failed to keep his promise, he kept his throne. The very anticipation (and it persists to this day) of a steady flow of succulent birds was enough to keep mouths watering and rebellion in rein. It is to the admiration for gastronomy that helped keep the crown on old Henry's head that the following group (perhaps it should be called a gaggle) of recipes is dedicated. It is also a gesture to the holidays and their most savory symbol—the bird. These are ways and means to turn the lowly fowl into a bird of paradise.





The word poultry derives by various stages from the French word *poulet* and it means all the domestic birds, whether we love them for their eggs or their meat. They divide themselves into two main branches, the "sitting" and the "nonsitting" varieties and they all seem to have periods during which they "brood." All this applies to people as well as to poultry with the addition of a third variety, the "running type" which has no time to brood. Another bit of news about the domestic birds is that they are increasing in greater proportion than people. According to the census, we are falling behind the chickens in an alarming way! Modern poultry comes in many styles, because of new and improved production and marketing methods. Chicken, for example, is available fresh, frozen and canned; whole or by the piece; dressed or ready to cook. Duckling is fresh, frozen, dressed or ready to cook. A type of film packaging is a new trend in poultry. The bird is placed in a film bag which is then vacuumized and shrunk, the packaging clinging to it like a second skin. The bird may be roasted right in the bag according to package directions. Regardless of how you buy the bird, here's what you'll need per serving: chicken, broiler, $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ bird; fryer, $\frac{3}{4}$ -1 pound; roasting and stewing, $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 pound; turkey, $\frac{1}{2}$ pound; duckling, 1 pound, ready-to-cook weight. Frozen, ready-to-cook poultry should be kept frozen until time to prepare for roasting. Allow time to thaw it completely. Thaw frozen birds in refrigerator (about 38°F.) 2-4 days, depending on size, or by placing (in original wrap) under cold, running water for 2-6 hours. Do not refreeze thawed poultry. Freezing stuffed poultry, either before or after cooking is not recommended for home freezing.



TURKEY TALK

Almost all happy events are heralded or accompanied by the singing of birds . . . and most feasts are celebrated by eating them. Birds have always symbolized the holidays and none seems as worthy of Thanksgiving Day as our great American turkey.

ROASTING A TURKEY



The first thing to do to roast a turkey is to buy one. This is not so easy as it would appear as it requires financing and also a certain knowledge in making the selection. Turkeys are being so scientifically raised that almost all of them are good. The only rules to apply are those you would use in making any ordinary purchase. Buy one that will amply feed everyone who is going to give thanks with you but do not buy one which is larger than your roasting pan or your oven. Poultry counters are deceptive places and ovens are smaller than you think. Next be sure it isn't dark or scrawny. See that it has a broad and beautiful breast and a general conformation that appeals to you. At this point, it is wise to suggest that you market early, so that you can have just such a bird and not so that you have to take the last one left, which usually weighs 24 pounds and requires a furnace. Young, tender turkeys, averaging 3-8 pounds ready-to-cook weight, are a wonderful family-sized meal. These delicately flavored small birds give new variety in turkey. Roasting and stuffing information is found in a chart on page 12. To speed up the roasting of large turkeys, aluminum foil can be used. Foil protects the bird from drying out in a high oven temperature. Poultry cooked this way should not be stuffed; stuffing should be cooked separately. If you use 12-inch foil, take two long strips, lay flat on a table and splice with a double fold. Open and press the fold flat and tight to prevent leaks. The 18-inch foil will wrap turkeys up to 12 pounds eviscerated weight; two widths may be spliced for larger turkeys. Lay turkey on its back in the middle of the foil and bend foil from underneath, up and over top, making sure in final fold to allow for drippings: large turkeys often have as much as three pints of drippings. Place turkey in a shallow, flat pan; place in oven at 450° F. and roast 15 to 20 minutes per pound.

TURKEY STUFFINGS

Roast turkey usually means the added treat of a favorite stuffing or dressing. A good stuffing has a pleasing texture, moist or crumbly. It is well-seasoned with no one flavor predominating. Lightness is important. The stuffing should be spooned into the cavity, not packed! Stuff just before roasting; never refrigerate stuffed bird.

BASIC STUFFING GUIDE*

Poultry weight (ready to cook)	4 lbs.	6 lbs.	10 lbs.	12 lbs.	20 lbs.
Shortening	$\frac{3}{4}$ cup	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup	$\frac{5}{8}$ cup	1 cup
Chopped onion	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup	$\frac{3}{4}$ cup	1 cup	$\frac{1}{2}$ cups	2 cups
Chopped celery	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup	$\frac{3}{4}$ cup	1 cup	$\frac{1}{2}$ cups	2 cups
Soft bread cubes ($\frac{1}{2}$ " square)	6 cups	9 cups	15 cups	$\frac{1}{2}$ gal.	$\frac{1}{2}$ gal.
or					
No. of $\frac{3}{4}$ " fresh bread slices	6	9	15	18	30
Salt	$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp.	1 tsp.	$1\frac{1}{2}$ tsp.	2 tsp.	1 tbsp.
Pepper	dash	$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp.	$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp.	$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp.	$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp.
Poultry seasoning	$1\frac{1}{2}$ tsp.	2 tsp.	1 tbsp.	$1\frac{1}{2}$ tbsps.	2 tbsps.
Water, broth or milk	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup	$\frac{3}{4}$ cup	1 cup	$1\frac{1}{2}$ cups	2 cups
Average No. cups of stuffing	4	6	10	12	20

*AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF BAKING



To prepare stuffing, melt shortening in a skillet, add onion and celery and sauté in the hot fat for 15 minutes. Combine bread cubes, salt, pepper and poultry seasoning with sautéed mixture. Add water and mix thoroughly. Lightly spoon stuffing into neck cavity, using enough so that poultry will look plump when served. Fill abdominal cavity with remaining stuffing. For turkey gravy, follow recipe for chicken gravy, page 8.

VARIATIONS

Apple stuffing: Add 2 cups chopped apples.

Chestnut stuffing: Add 2 cups boiled chestnuts to stuffing before adding liquid. To prepare chestnuts: place 1 lb. raw chestnuts (in shells) in cold water to cover. Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes. Drain. Peel and skin. Chop coarsely.

Cornbread stuffing: Reduce bread to 2 quarts. Add 2 quarts of crumbled corn bread or cornmeal muffins.

Egg stuffing: Add 3 or 4 well-beaten eggs to bread mixture.

Oyster stuffing: Cook 1 to 2 pints oysters in the oyster liquid until edges curl. Add to bread with seasonings. Include oyster liquid as part or all of the liquid in stuffing. Chop oysters if they are large. Three hard-cooked eggs may be added.

Prune stuffing: Remove pits from $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 lb. dried prunes which have been cooked or soaked. Cut prunes into 3 or 4 pieces. Add to bread with seasonings. Include prune juice as part or all of the liquid.

Sausage stuffing: Omit fat. Reduce poultry seasoning to 1 teaspoon. Cook 1 lb. of sausage meat slowly until browned—breaking it into small pieces with a fork as it cooks. Add onion and celery and continue cooking until onion is transparent. Proceed as above. Use sausage fat in the stuffing.

Stuffing mix: Taste before seasoning. Any of above variations may be used with a prepared stuffing mix.

CRANBERRY STUFFING

3 cups fresh cranberries ($\frac{3}{4}$ pound)

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup butter or margarine, melted

3 quarts small bread cubes

$1\frac{1}{2}$ cups raisins

1 tablespoon salt

$\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon cinnamon

grated rind of 2 lemons

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup broth or water

• Chop cranberries and blend in the sugar.

• Blend butter and bread cubes.

• Combine the two mixtures with remaining ingredients. Mix well.

• Stuffing for a 10-12 pound turkey—stuff and roast according to the chart.

TOASTED RICE STUFFING

$1\frac{1}{2}$ cups rice, uncooked

3 cups water

$1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons salt

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter or margarine

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped onion

$1\frac{1}{2}$ cups chopped celery

3 cups toasted fine bread crumbs

$1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons baking powder

3 eggs slightly beaten

$\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon poultry seasoning

1 cup chopped pecans

(optional)

salt and pepper

• Spread the uncooked rice in a shallow pan and place in a 350°F. oven until rice is a light brown color, 20-30 minutes. Stir rice to brown evenly.

• Place toasted rice in a saucepan with the water and salt. Bring to a boil. Cover with a tight-fitting lid, lower heat and simmer for 14 minutes. Remove the lid to permit the rice to steam dry.

• Meanwhile cook the onion and celery in butter until onion is transparent but not browned.

• Combine onion and rice with remaining ingredients. If used, add pecans.

• Season to taste.

• Stuffing for a 10-12 pound turkey—stuff and roast according to the chart.

FOR LEFTOVER TURKEY SOUP CONTINENTAL

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter or margarine

1 cup chopped, cooked turkey

2 tablespoons finely chopped onion

2 cups diced raw potatoes

1 cup diced celery

2 cups turkey broth



$2\frac{1}{2}$ cups (No. 2 can) cream-style corn

1 large can ($14\frac{1}{2}$ ounce) evaporated milk

1 teaspoon salt

$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon paprika

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ginger

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon pepper

2 tablespoons chopped parsley

• Melt butter over low heat.

• Add turkey and onion. Cook until onion is transparent.

• Add potatoes, celery and turkey broth. Simmer until vegetables are tender.

• Add corn, milk and seasonings.

• Heat thoroughly, stirring occasionally.

• Season to taste.

• Garnish with parsley.

• Makes 2 quarts or about 8 generous servings.

TURKEY BRUNSWICK STEW

2 cups turkey broth

1 cup canned tomatoes or fresh chopped tomatoes

1 (No. 2) can or $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups fresh corn

1 (No. 2) can or $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups fresh lima beans

1 medium onion, chopped

2 cups coarsely chopped cooked turkey

$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon ginger

salt and pepper

• Combine all ingredients in 3-4 quart kettle. Heat to boiling.

• Reduce heat to simmering and continue cooking until stew is quite thick—about 1 hour. Stir occasionally.

• Season to taste.

• 8 cups or 4 to 6 servings.

A SUGGESTED HOLIDAY MENU

avocado with lime

hot cheese bread

roast turkey with cranberry stuffing

Brussels sprouts

sweet potatoes rolled in chopped almonds

branded peaches on vanilla mousse

coffee

white wine



CHICKEN CHITCHAT

Sleepyheads and city dwellers may not want to admit this but somewhere a rooster is crowing to awaken the world while you, poor creature, have to set your alarm clock each evening to be startled into wakefulness next day. Buy only chickens with flexible breastbones, white skins, soft flesh and bright eyes—provided you can see them. The skin under wings and legs should break easily and not be yellow or toughened. In fact, select your chicken as you would anything else: get a good-looking and attractive one. Never pour away the water in which a chicken has simmered. That is the soup with which you can do so much. Onions, hard-cooked eggs and mushrooms should always go into a chicken pie. Pecans, Brazil nuts and chestnuts go into stuffings. Blanched, shredded almonds into chicken salad or creamed chicken. Coconut, pine nuts, walnuts and pistachio nuts into chicken curries. If you are blessed with live chickens, always let the freshly killed birds rest a few hours before cooking them.

CHICKEN KIEVEV

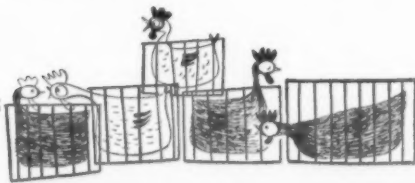
Do as the Kiyevians do, but wear an apron, because it's a buttery bird and, when pierced, is apt to spout like Old Faithful.

4 raw chicken breasts
8 pieces frozen butter ($\frac{1}{2}$ pound)
1 cup flour
2 eggs, beaten
1 cup fine bread crumbs
fat for frying
salt

- Under the breastbone lies the fillet. Take these gently apart and remove all sinews. Pound the raw fillets and breasts to make them soft, tender and pliable. Place them on ice for an hour.
- Shape the butter into 8 chunks the thickness of your thumb and half as long. Roll them in

flour and freeze them as cold as you can get them.

- When everything is cold, roll the pieces of butter into the pieces of chicken. There should be 8 portions, all securely rolled and folded so that no butter can escape. Secure ends with toothpicks.
- Dip into flour, then into egg and finally into bread crumbs. Be sure the meat is well covered so that the butter cannot seep out.
- Fry in deep fat. If you have an electric deep-fat-fryer, follow the booklet instructions for frying chicken. Put in oven to keep hot and when all are done, serve immediately.
- This can be served with mushroom sauce, but the butter is really enough.



STEWED CHICKENS

The word fricassee usually implies an old hen done in library paste, accompanied by a concoction that tastes like mushy rice, cooked for three hours. This doesn't mean you, or the chicken fricassee your mother used to make. Wise is the cook who plans for quantities of stewed chicken in the freezer. It has many uses for impromptu meals.

STEWED CHICKEN A NUMBER ONE

stewing chicken
water
salt

3 or 4 peppercorns

1 small carrot

1 celery stick

1 small onion

- Place whole or cut-up chicken in kettle.

- Add $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 cup water and $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon salt for each pound (quantity of water depends on amount of broth) with rest of ingredients.

- Simmer until thickest portions are fork-tender, $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 hours.

- Remove chicken. Cool chicken and broth promptly. Cover and refrigerate unless served immediately.

Make a sauce of:

1 tablespoon flour

1 tablespoon butter

1 cup soup stock, strained

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup cream

2 egg yolks

salt to taste

- On an ovenproof platter, place the following ingredients in layers:

5 medium-sized tomatoes,
peeled and sliced

5 slices cheddar cheese

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup onion, chopped fine

2 teaspoons basil

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup parsley, chopped fine

- Arrange in a ring and place in the oven to bake for 10 minutes.

- Put the chicken pieces into the ring. Put under the broiler to gratinate the cheese. As soon as it is runny and browned,

A MENU DESIGNED FOR STEWED CHICKEN

hot chicken soup
with a spoon of salted whipped
cream dusted with
chopped parsley
hot biscuits
stewed chicken A number one
green salad
frozen strawberry mousse
coffee
white wine

- take the platter from the oven.
- Pour sauce over the chicken, dust with more chopped parsley and serve with hot rice.
- Serves 4 to 6.

CHICKEN UNDER CHEESE

1 onion, chopped

4 slices bacon, chopped

2 sprigs parsley

2 broilers, quartered

1 jigger cognac

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup grated Parmesan cheese

$\frac{3}{4}$ bar butter (or 3 ounces)

1 pinch thyme

1 pinch rosemary

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon brown mustard

2 cups chicken broth or 2

chicken bouillon cubes in 2

cups water

salt and pepper

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup heavy cream

1 can mushroom caps

- Fry the bacon with the onion, add the liver and giblets of the broilers and when all is golden brown add the chicken broth. Add the parsley and simmer for 45 minutes.

- In the meantime, brush the chickens with butter. Add the herbs and salt and pepper to taste. Warm the cognac, pour it over the chicken and light it. Whenever you do this, step back for the sake of your bangs.

- When the flame has died down, strain the liquid, that should now be ready, over the chicken and simmer slowly until chicken is done, about 30-40 minutes. Salt to taste.

- Take out the finished chicken, keep it warm, add the mushrooms, cream and mustard to the sauce, half of cheese.

- Pour the sauce over the chicken. Dust with the rest of the cheese and grate under the broiler until cheese is golden.

- Serves 6 to 8.

CHICKEN HASH WITH POACHED EGGS

A dish that qualifies for any meal. For a Cantonese effect, add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sliced water chestnuts to this recipe. For good old American speed, use an electric skillet.

2 tablespoons butter

1 tablespoon flour

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup cream

2 cups leftover chicken meat

cut from bones and minced,

or use canned chicken

1 cup chicken broth

4 poached eggs

1 teaspoon grated lemon rind

1 pinch mace

1 tablespoon chopped parsley

salt and pepper

- Melt the butter in the saucepan and when it is golden stir in the flour. Cook for a minute and take from the heat. Add a little of the broth and return to the heat. Stir with a wooden spoon until it is smooth. Add all the broth in this way and cook, stirring constantly for a few more minutes.

- Add cream, then chicken.

- Add the pinch of mace and continue cooking until the chicken is heated thoroughly. (Hash can be kept warm in a double boiler over hot water.)

- Before serving, correct the seasoning, add the lemon rind. Poach 4 eggs. Trim them neatly and keep them warm.

- Place the hash on a serving platter, dust the top with the chopped parsley, lay poached eggs on hash and serve.

- Serve with hot biscuits. You may substitute eggs mollets for poached eggs. (This is a carefully peeled 5-minute egg.)

A LUNCHEON

hot biscuits
chicken hash with
poached eggs
tomato salad
sliced cold fruit
large cups of coffee

CHICKEN WITH GRAPES

1 roasting chicken

$\frac{1}{4}$ pound butter

salt and pepper

1 small onion cut in half

1 cup white wine

1 cup water

1 cup chicken broth

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup heavy cream

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup parsley, finely chopped

1 cup peeled grapes

- Rub half of butter over chicken, place the other half inside bird with salt, pepper, and onion.

- Place chicken in casserole, add wine and water.

- Cook in 325°F. oven for 45 minutes to an hour.

- Baste bird every 10 minutes.

- Strain juices in pan and add chicken broth.

- Cook to reduce sauce, add cream, parsley and grapes.

- Heat and pour over chicken.

- Serves 3 to 4.



TURKEY OR CHICKEN GRAVY

For each cup of gravy desired, use $1\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoons each of fat and flour and 1 cup of liquid. The liquid may be meat juices from the skillet or roasting pan, giblet broth, milk or water.

- Pour the drippings (the fat and meat juice) into a bowl, leaving all the brown residue in the pan.
- Let the fat rise to the top. Skim off all the fat and set aside. The meat juice under the fat should be used as part of the liquid.
- Measure 3 tablespoons of fat back into the cooking pan. Set over very low heat.
- Add 3 tablespoons of flour. Blend fat and flour and cook until frothy, stirring constantly. If desired, brown the fat and flour slightly to give more color and flavor.
- Add 2 cups of liquid, cool or lukewarm, not hot, all at once.
- Cook, stirring constantly, until uniformly thickened. While stirring, scrape bottom and sides of pan to blend the brown residue into the gravy.
- Simmer about 5 minutes. Season to taste.
- For giblet gravy, add the chopped, cooked giblets.
- Serve hot.

CHICKEN PILAF

Hollywood has long since shown us all how the Near Eastern potentates live. There are beautiful dancing girls and feasts of phenomenal magnificence. Actually, they eat ham on rye in their dressing rooms while we eat the steaming pilafs.

- 2 $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ pounds broiler-fryers
- 2 onions, chopped
- 1 pinch of thyme
- $\frac{1}{4}$ pound or 1 bar butter
- 1 teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon pepper
- 2 tomatoes, chopped
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups rice

$2\frac{1}{2}$ cups chicken stock or $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups water with 6 chicken bouillon cubes

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup walnuts, chopped

- Fry the chicken pieces with onion, thyme, salt and pepper in the butter until they are golden. Turn frequently so that the pieces are browned on all sides.
- Remove the chicken pieces to an ovenproof dish and keep warm. Add the rice to the butter in the pan and cook for five minutes, stirring constantly.
- Add the rice to the chicken, pour over the chicken stock and then add the tomatoes and walnuts.
- Cover the dish with a kitchen towel, put the lid on securely and cook over low heat until the liquid is absorbed, about 20 minutes.
- Put the covered pilaf in a warm place for 15 minutes before serving. This can be an oven set on the lowest warmth as for warming plates.
- Serves 4 to 6.

FARE FOR A POTENTATE

cauliflower with brown bread crumbs
Italian bread
chicken pilaf
green salad
apricot whip
coffee
white wine

CORN-FED CHICKENS

This recipe is for four people who know a good thing when they taste it. If you own a rotisserie—

forget the directions below and do what comes naturally.

- 2 whole small broilers or 4 poussins
- 2 small onions, chopped fine
- chicken livers and heart
- $\frac{1}{2}$ bay leaf
- 1 pinch marjoram
- 2 to 3 cups fresh white corn cut from cob or 1 large can small white pearl corn, drained
- 6 tablespoons butter
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water with 1 chicken bouillon cube
- 6 slices crisp bacon, crumbled salt and pepper
- Brown the broilers or poussins in the butter until they are golden, turning frequently. Place the birds in a casserole and keep them warm.
- Add the onion to the butter in the pan in which the birds were fried. As soon as it is yellow, add the livers and heart and fry 2 minutes longer. Crush the livers with a fork and cut the hearts into small pieces.
- Add the corn, the bacon and marjoram and stir all together well. Salt and pepper to taste.
- Fill this mixture into the broilers or poussins; use 3 cups of corn if you are using broilers, 2 cups will suffice if you are using poussins. Skewer the openings and return the birds to the casserole.
- Pour the water with the chicken bouillon cubes into the casserole, cover tightly and place in a medium oven until done. The poussins will require 15 to 20 minutes, the broilers will require 20 minutes or more, according to size.
- Serve with a tomato salad.
- Serves 4.

A SUGGESTED MENU

green turtle soup
dry toast
corn-fed chicken
country-style tomatoes
green salad
beignets with vanilla sauce
coffee
white wine





SQUAB SQUIBS

ROAST SQUAB

- 4 squabs
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 4 chicken and 4 squab livers
- $\frac{1}{4}$ pound mushrooms, chopped fine
- 1 cup dry bread crumbs
- salt and pepper
- 4 slices bacon

- Fry the onion in butter. When it starts to brown, add the chicken and squab livers and mash them with a fork. Add mushrooms and enough bread crumbs to fill the 4 squabs.
- Stir the mixture well. Salt and pepper to taste and fill the birds. Skewer the opening.
- Tie a piece of bacon across the breast of each bird. Put half a cup of water in roasting pan.
- Put in squabs. Roast in a 350°F. oven. Baste frequently.

- As the roasting depends on the size of the birds, they may need from $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 hour to be done.
- Serve with a gravy.

SQUAB WITH SAUERKRAUT

- 4 squabs
- salt and pepper
- 4 chicken and 4 squab livers
- 1 No. 2½ can sauerkraut
- 1 cup dry bread crumbs
- 2 cooking apples, peeled and cored
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 cups bouillon
- 6 sprigs parsley, chopped
- 1 cup port wine
- 4 slices bacon

- Soak the cup of dry bread crumbs in the port wine. Fry 4 of the livers in a little butter and crush them with a fork. Add parsley, season to taste.
- Stuff squabs with this mixture.

- Skewer them and set aside in a cool place for 4 hours.
- Cook sauerkraut in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of water for an hour. Drain. Chop apples, mix with sauerkraut.
- Dice the bacon and heat it. Brown the squabs well on all sides in the bacon fat. Dust with flour and stir well. Pour on the bouillon.
- Cover and simmer 10 minutes.
- Make a bed in a shallow casserole or roasting pan of the sauerkraut and apples. Lay the squabs on the bed. Pour over bouillon. Cover and bake in a 350°F. oven for 45 minutes.
- Fry the remaining 4 livers in butter, crush them with a fork; chop the heart and gizzard and make a giblet gravy in the usual way with chicken broth and a little flour to thicken.
- Serves 4.



GUINEA HEN GOSSIP

ROAST GUINEA HEN WITH WATER CRESS

- 2 guinea hens
- 4 slices bacon
- $\frac{1}{4}$ pound or 1 bar butter
- broth from wings and giblets
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup currant jelly
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup bread crumbs
- 3 tablespoons butter
- salt and pepper
- 1 bunch water cress

- Prepare a broth by placing the wing tips and giblets in cold, salted water and simmering them for an hour and a half.
- Prepare guinea hens as you would a roasting chicken, salt inside, tie bacon over breasts.
- Rub birds with butter and roast in an open pan or skewer

- on the spit and roast at 325°F. for 30 minutes, basting with drippings and melted butter.
- Add some of the broth and continue roasting from 45 to 60 minutes, depending on size.
- Dissolve currant jelly in gravy.
- Fry bread crumbs in butter, pour over hens; surround with cress.
- Serve sauce separately.
- Serves 4 to 6.

GUINEA HEN IN CREAM

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water
- 1 onion, sliced
- $\frac{1}{4}$ pound of butter
- 1 guinea hen
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sour cream
- 1 pinch powdered juniper berries

- $\frac{1}{2}$ pound very small mushrooms
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- Brush hen well with butter and place in covered casserole.
- Add onion, water, salt, pepper; place covered in 350°F. oven.
- In about 45 minutes—pour over warm sour cream mixed with berries.
- Continue to cook, basting the guinea hen with cream until it is tender. Remove the skin and keep hen warm. Strain sauce.
- Sauté the mushrooms in butter and add 1 teaspoon lemon juice to the strained sauce. Add more sour cream if necessary.
- Carve the hen and pour over the sauce with the mushrooms.
- Serves 3 to 4.



CAPON CAPERS

Roosters have been caponized since the days of the great Roman banquets, and since then the capon has been highly prized by those who eat them, not by the hens in the barnyard. Never underestimate the flavor of a capon; it is delicate and individual and the fat that interlaces the meat makes it juicier than any roasting chicken. This makes it especially suitable for rotisserie cooking. The capon's skin is also particularly well suited to roasting and retains an appetizing look.

BRAZIL NUT STUFFING

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup (1 stick) butter
- 2 cups chopped Brazil nuts
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped onion
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup diced celery with leaves
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon Ac'cent
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon Tabasco
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon poultry seasoning
- 8 cups lightly packed bread crumbs or cubes
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup boiling water or stock
- Melt butter in saucepan.
- Add Brazil nuts, onion, celery, Ac'cent, salt, Tabasco and poultry seasoning.
- Cook until Brazil nuts are lightly browned. Add to bread crumbs and parsley.
- Add water or stock, toss lightly

- with a fork until well mixed.
- Sprinkle cavity of bird with additional Ac'cent before stuffing lightly.
- Enough for 2 6-pound capons or a 12-pound turkey—using $\frac{3}{4}$ cup stuffing per pound dressed weight, according to time and temperature chart.

Variations:

- Substitute 4 cups corn-bread crumbs for 4 cups bread crumbs.
- Substitute 3 cups cooked rice for 3 cups bread crumbs.
- Substitute 1 cup seedless raisins or 1 cup cut-up dried apricots for 1 cup Brazil nuts. Increase water to $\frac{1}{2}$ cup.
- Add 1 can (4 ounces) drained mushrooms (cuts and pieces)

- to stuffing. Substitute mushroom liquid for water.
- Skewer the opening of the capon and roast in shallow open pan.
- Cover breast with buttered cloth or brown buttered paper.
- While the bird is roasting, make a broth of the wing tips, heart and gizzard with water to cover. Use the broth with the pan drippings and the chopped heart and gizzard for a giblet gravy.
- During the last half hour of roasting, take the cloth or paper from the capon and baste well. Brush with an egg yolk just before bird is finished and brown for 5 more minutes.
- Keep the capon warm while finishing the gravy.
- Serves 4 to 6.



GOOSE GANDERS

Did you know that geese can live to be 35 years old? For eating purposes, however, we obviously suggest a younger bird. To roast a goose, place a trussed specimen, breast down, on a rack in a shallow, uncovered pan. Roast in a slow (325°F.) oven. Don't add water or fat; there's no need to baste. During roasting, the fat should be spooned or siphoned off as it accumulates; this will assure fat light in color. When the goose is approximately two-thirds done, turn breast up and finish roasting.

SAUCE FOR ROAST GOOSE

The English have a sauce that complements the goose with wine.

- Heat in a double boiler:
 - 1 cup port wine
 - 2 lemons, juice and grated rind
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ cup brown mustard
 - 1 pinch of cayenne
- Serve hot with a roasted goose.

ORIENTAL GOOSE

Marinade:

- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups pineapple juice
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice

- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup cornstarch
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water
- 1 large garlic clove, crushed
- 2 tablespoons salad oil
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons salt
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon each ground ginger, allspice, cinnamon, ground cloves, nutmeg

Then:

- 3 cups cooked goose meat (about 2-inch pieces)
- 2 cups hot rice (1 cup raw)
- 2 medium oranges, sectioned

salted peanuts, almonds, coconut or radishes

- Combine all marinade ingredients and pour over goose meat.
- Cover, refrigerate 2 to 3 hours.
- Cook covered in a slow oven (325°F.) for 20 minutes or until steaming hot.
- During last 5 minutes place orange sections over goose. Replace cover.
- Serve with rice and garnish with nuts, coconut or radishes.
- Serves 6.

DUCK DOINGS



MANDARIN DUCK

- 1 Long Island duckling
- 2 tablespoons Kitchen Bouquet
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ginger
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 cup water
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sherry wine or orange juice
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon salad oil
- 3 tablespoons cold water
- Cut duckling into serving size pieces and place in bowl.
- Mix sugar, salt, Kitchen Bou-

quet, too, go back to the great days of Rome and Greece, at which point they turned from wild and often fishy fowl to mild and fleshy birds. Now on to the roasting. Because the legs lie so close to the body, it is not necessary to truss a duckling. Neither is it necessary to prick the skin before roasting. You have a choice of roasting methods: for moist, tender meat and minimum shrinkage, use a moderate oven; for crisp, well-done duckling, roast at a higher temperature (350°F.).

quet and ginger together and sprinkle over duck.

- Let stand 15 minutes, stirring occasionally so all pieces become coated.
- Heat oil and garlic in deep frying pan or electric skillet and cook a few seconds over moderate heat. Add duckling and brown on all sides.
- Add sherry and water and cover. Cook until duckling is tender (about 45 minutes).
- Remove pieces of duck to hot platter. Pour fat from frying pan but reserve juice.
- Mix cornstarch with cold water and blend with juices in frying pan. Cook, stirring constantly, until sauce thickens. Correct seasonings if necessary.
- Pour some of sauce over pieces of duck to glaze them.
- Serve with hot, cooked rice and preserved kumquats, accompanied with remaining sauce.
- Serves 4 generously.

MUSHROOM-RICE STUFFING

- 1 cup long grain or converted rice
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cups water
- 2 3-ounce cans chopped mushrooms or 1 cup fresh mushrooms
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon pepper
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon marjoram
- 2 tablespoons butter
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup finely chopped onion
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped Brazil nuts
- chopped giblets (optional)
- Place rice, water and contents of cans of mushrooms and the seasonings in saucepan and bring to a boil.
- Cover and cook over low heat until rice is tender, about 20 minutes.
- Cook onion in butter for five minutes, stirring frequently.
- Combine cooked rice, onions, Brazil nuts and chopped cooked giblets and stuff the duck.
- Makes about $\frac{3}{4}$ cups stuffing.

MISCELLANEOUS

POUSSINS OR CORNISH GAME HENS

- Allow one hen or poussin for each guest.
- 6 poussins
- 3 cups bread crumbs
- 1 cup pecans, roughly chopped
- $\frac{1}{2}$ bars butter
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sherry
- salt and pepper
- Brown the bread crumbs in a pan with about one quarter of the butter. Add the pecans and salt and pepper. Stuff the hens with this mixture and sew or skewer them carefully.
- Place the hens in a shallow baking pan and brush well with butter; add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water.
- Place in 325°F. oven and roast, basting with butter occasionally, for about 1 hour, or until drumstick feels loose and soft.

- Remove poussins from pan and add sherry to juices in the pan.
- Bring pan juices to a boil and taste for seasoning.
- Pour juice over poussins and serve immediately.

ROAST PHEASANT

In the style of the hunter's wife.

- 1 pheasant
- 2 slices bacon
- $\frac{1}{4}$ pound butter
- salt and pepper
- $\frac{1}{4}$ pound Tokay grapes, crushed
- 1 jigger cognac
- 1 hard-cooked egg, riced
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup fine bread crumbs
- 3 tablespoons butter
- salt and pepper
- $\frac{1}{4}$ pound grapes, seeded and peeled
- Tie the bacon over the breast of the pheasant and brown in

the butter until the bird is golden on all sides. Take the bird from the pan and scrape all the pan juices together. Add the juice and crushed pulp of the Tokay grapes and put the bird back into the pan. Salt and pepper.

- Pour over the cognac and light.
- As soon as the flame has died down, place the pan in a 325°F. oven and roast until finished, basting frequently. Remove the bacon only in the last 15 minutes. Add seeded, peeled grapes.
- Brown the bread crumbs in butter. Sprinkle them over the bird, rice the egg over it and pour the gravy and grapes from the pan around the bird.
- If there should not be enough juice in the pan, it can be moistened with a little bouillon.
- Serves 2 to 4.



TIMETABLE FOR ROASTING STUFFED, CHILLED POULTRY*

HOW TO STUFF AND ROAST

Stuff lightly, just before roasting. If stuffing and bird are prepared the day before, refrigerate them separately. Roast stuffed poultry in shallow pan, without water, at 325°F. (slow oven). For duckling and goose, increasing the heat to 425°F. (hot oven) near the end of roasting adds color and crispness to the skin.

HOW TO TIME THE COOKING

The roasting guide for chilled poultry gives approximate total time according to ready-to-cook weight. Differences among individual birds may necessitate some adjustment of the time given. Signs of doneness are the easy movement of the leg joints and softness of the flesh on drumstick and thigh. A thermometer inserted so that the bulb is in the center of the inner thigh muscle should register 190°F. when the bird is done. The center of the stuffing should register not less than 165°F. Plan to finish cooking 20 to 30 minutes before serving time so that the meat can be carved more easily.

Kind of Poultry	Ready-to-cook weight	Approx. amount of stuffing	Approx. total roasting time at 325°F.
	pounds	quarts	hours
Chicken	1½ to 2½	¼ to ½	1½ to 2
	2½ to 3½	½ to ¾	2 to 3
	3½ to 4½	¾ to 1¼	3 to 3½
Duck	3 to 4	¾ to ¾	2½ to 2¾
	4 to 5	¾ to 1	2¾ to 3
Goose	8 to 10	1½ to 2	3½ to 4
	10 to 12	2 to 2½	4 to 4½
Turkey whole birds	4 to 6	¾ to 1	3 to 3¾
	6 to 8	1 to 1½	3¾ to 4½
	8 to 10	1½ to 2	4 to 4½
	10 to 12	2 to 2¼	4½ to 5
	12 to 14	2¼ to 2½	5 to 5¼
	14 to 16	2½ to 3	5¼ to 6
	16 to 18	3 to 3½	6 to 6½
	18 to 20	3½ to 3¾	6½ to 7½
	20 to 24	3¾ to 4½	7½ to 9
	halves and quarters	¾ to 1	3 to 3½
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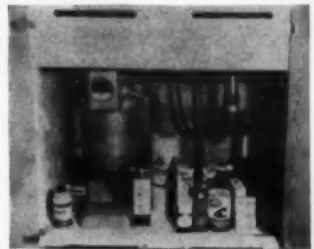
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Pass-through counter between kitchen and family room houses two cabinets with doors opening into both rooms so that china and glassware are accessible from either side. Two smaller cabinets above counter are designed in the same manner.

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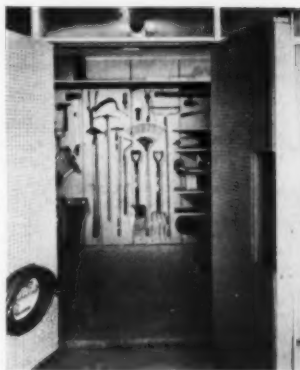


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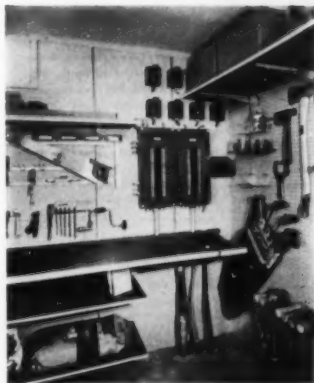
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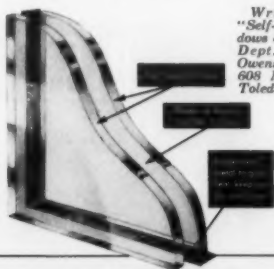


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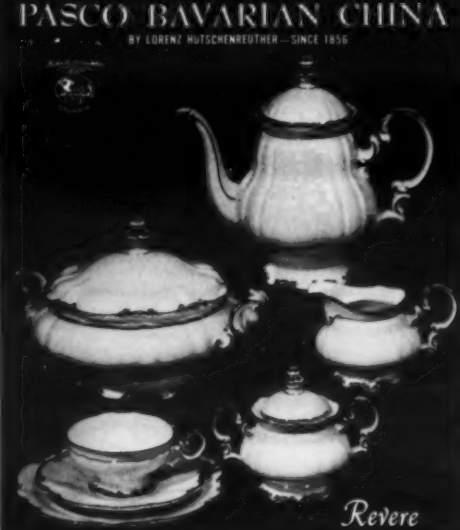


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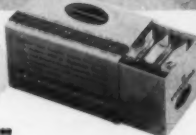
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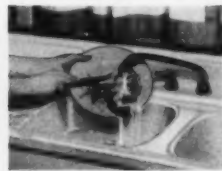


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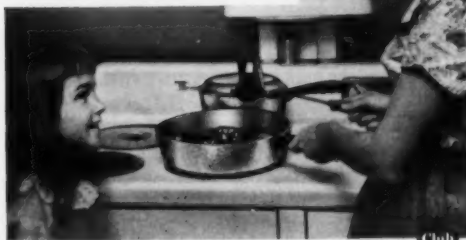
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Termite protection	Orkin-Tox	Orkin Exterminating
Floor surfacing	Gold Seal Vinyltile (with) ceramic tile (baths)	Congoleum-Nairn American-Olean Tile
Block walls	Shalite (or) other lightweight block	Southern Cast Stone
Perimeter walls	Duracal reinforcing Texture 111 Weldwood plywood plywood sheathing	Dur-O-wal United States Plywood U.S. Plywood
Insulation walls	Perlite fill in blocks Carey batt insulation	Perlite Institute Philip Carey Mfg.
Interior surfacing	Samara plywood Sheetrock gypsum wallboard ceramic tile in baths	U. S. Plywood U. S. Gypsum American-Olean Tile U. S. Gypsum
Ceilings	Sheetrock gypsum wallboard Honeylite	Johns-Manville
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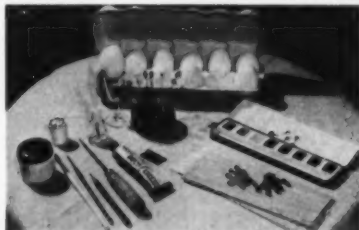
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HUMPTY DUMPTY IN THE CLOUDS

By ELLIE SIMMONS

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You will need the following supplies to make an egg mobile: balsa wood, $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick, 11 eggs, 4 hatpins, 13 small screw eyes, beads, heavy white thread, water colors, white poster paint, straight pins, needles, colorless nail polish, paintbrush, ice pick, glue and razor blades



To make the frame, cut one piece of balsa wood $5 \times \frac{1}{2}$ inches for axis, then cut 4 arm pieces, $4 \times \frac{1}{2}$ inches. Stick pins through axis in opposite directions, about 1 inch from the bottom, push arm pieces on pins almost to axis, drop glue at joint, push arm in tight. Repeat procedure for side arms, using small needles stuck into sides of axis (instead of pins pushed through). Paint frame in a plain color or pick up design from one of eggs



Find the exact center of both ends of the egg, puncture with an ice pick. One hole should be just big enough to hold screw eye. The other hole may be larger

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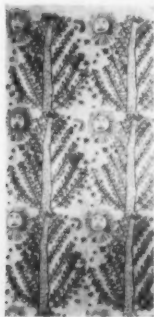


The budding artist comes to bloom [Continued from page 72]

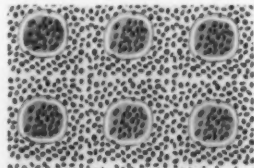
The *Angel* design is the work of a young lady, 6½ years old, and has been printed here on a pinafore, a table mat and napkin, on gift wrapping paper and on cardboard cutouts for ornaments



The *Christmas Tree* pattern (below) is a five-year-old's brain child and is used as an all-over repeat on fabric. *Prang Aqua* Textile Color is the paint. Water-dispersible, it simplifies the cleaning process



Printed in three colors—pink, charcoal and black—*Watermelons* (below) repeats its design nine times in a yard of fabric, and would be an amusing material in almost any lighthearted room



Running the gamut from a baby's crib sheet and pillow slip to wrapping paper and greeting cards, the *House and Tree* pattern was designed by a talented tot of 5½



Café curtains for a nursery are bordered with a repeat of the *Star* design. The star was drawn on the screen and then filled in with *Crayonex* (the new crayon perfected for this purpose). A single star printed on stiff Chinese paper makes a pretty card



The *Mary Anne* table-mat designs were cut in a stencil rather than drawn with a crayon and then printed on the mats by rubbing the color through with a stiff brush. A separate stencil was cut for each of the colors used, and then—for exactitude in printing—registered in the corner of the material with a right angle



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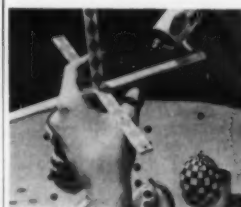
Humpty Dumpty in the clouds [Continued from page 109]

Empty egg into a bowl by blowing through the smaller hole. This step is easier than it sounds, as egg will flow out quite easily

Paint freehand designs on blown egg. Small glass helps keep egg steady. Coat egg with colorless nail polish



When eggs are dry, glue screw eyes into the smaller holes. Then invert eggs and glue beads into the other holes



Cut pieces of thread about a foot long, glue beads on at random. Tie thread securely to screw eye. Sew thread through frame with needle

Decide on height of eggs, knot the thread and glue now to the frame. Glue beads over the knots

Stick hatpins in ends of arms. Glue screw eyes in ends of final egg, connect with top of frame and hang mobile with doubled thread



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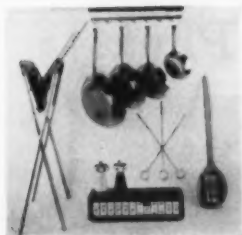
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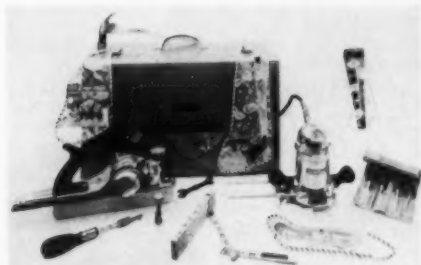
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By DAVID RANDOLPH

Since Christmas gift-giving is sometimes quite a problem, with individual tastes to be reckoned with, I am devoting this month's column to a number of suggestions. A sheaf of popular orchestral works has been recorded by Columbia on a single disc. Included in the list are some of the outstanding favorites of our time, and it is amazing to think that so many of them are contained on a single record. They are Ravel's *Bohème*, the same composer's *Pavane* (which was the basis of a popular song a few years back) and his exciting *tour de force*, *La Valse*. The most recent work on the disc is *Escapes*, or *Ports of Call*, a series of exotic descriptions of Mediterranean seaports by the contemporary composer, Jacques Ibert. Then the record contains Chabrier's colorful *Es-paña Rhapsody*, and concludes with another popular favorite, Debussy's *Clair de Lune*. The disc is called *Ports of Call*, and it has been sumptuously recorded by the Philadelphia Orchestra, under Eugene Ormandy.

The opera lover should be pleased by a gift of another Columbia record, this one a collection of *Great Love Duets*—seven in all—from Puccini's ever-popular operas, *La Bohème* and *Manon Lescaut*, and Massenet's *Manon*. One complete side is devoted to *La Bohème*, and the excerpts include some of the most melodious parts of the opera, such as *Your Tiny Hand Is Frozen*, *My Name Is Mimi*, *Mimi's Farewell* and *Musetta's Waltz*. The Metropolitan Opera Association Orchestra does the honors, under the direction of Fausto Cleva, and the singers are two well-known stars of the Met, the soprano Dorothy Kirsten and the tenor Richard Tucker.

Before we leave the field of opera, we might mention another disc that contains a liberal sampling of the music of one of the greatest opera composers who ever lived, Richard Wagner. From his *Nibelungen Ring*, which is actually a sequence of four operas (more properly called, in the case of Wagner, music dramas), Urania Records has gathered on one disc four *Orchestral Highlights*. They are the *Entrance of the Gods into Valhalla*, from *Das Rheingold*; the exciting *Ride of the Valkyries*, and the *Magic Fire Music*, both from *Die Walküre*, and finally, the very tender *Siegfried Idyll*. Although the last-named work contains some of the themes from Wagner's music drama *Siegfried*, it is not actually a part of the *Nibelungen Ring*.

Conservative tastes should also welcome as a gift Mercury's recording of Rimsky-Korsakov's famous orchestral work *Scheherazade*. The performance by the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra under Antal Dorati is a thrilling one, and the recording, as such, must be heard to be believed. This would make an especially suitable gift for any hi-fi addict.

For quieter tastes, Westminster has released a record containing some of the most appealing music written by a great figure in twentieth-century music, the English composer, Ralph Vaughan Williams. The most important work on the disc is the *Fantasia on a Theme by Tallis*, composed in 1910, for strings alone. To me, this is one of the most enduringly satisfying compositions of our time, with its richly scored evocations of early English music. The disc also contains a lighter work by Vaughan Williams—his *Folk Song Suite*—and it is rounded out by the *Norfolk Rhapsody*.



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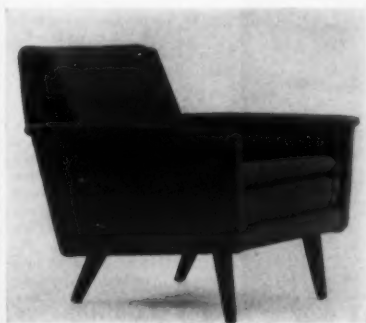
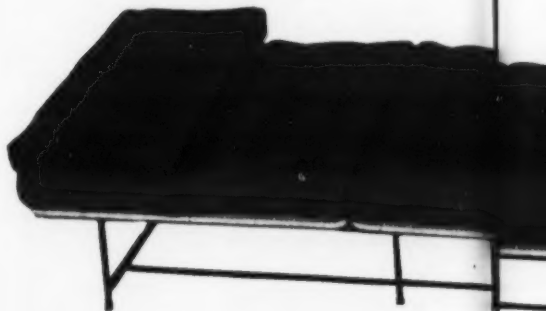
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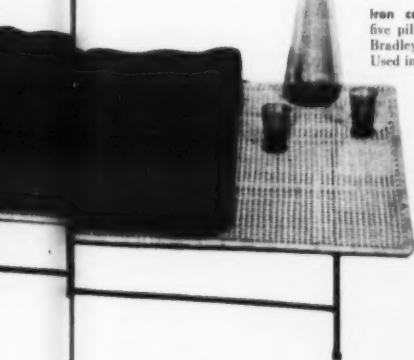


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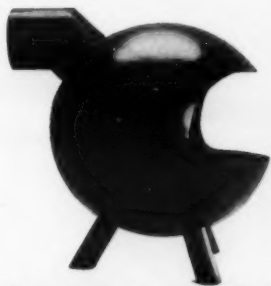


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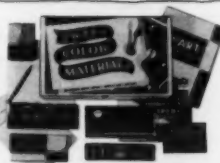
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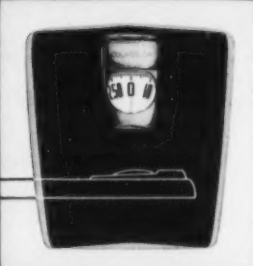


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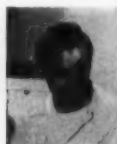
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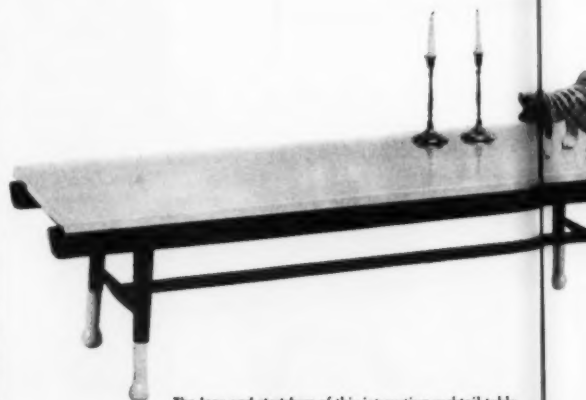
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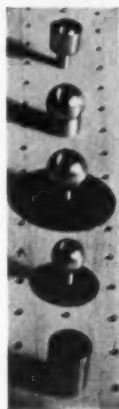
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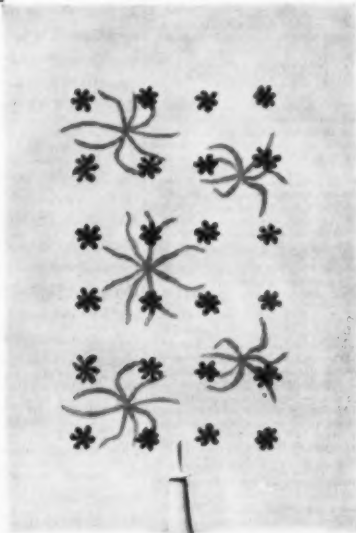


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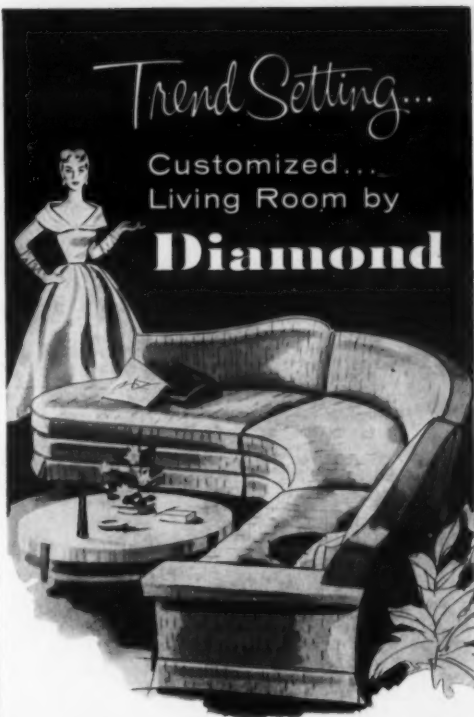
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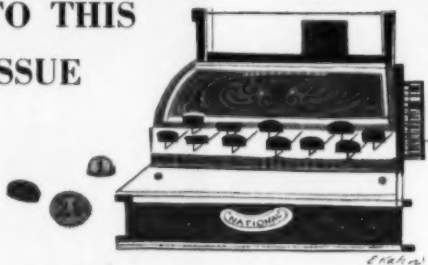
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Family room

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Nest of 4 tables.....	\$119.95
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Floor lamp.....	\$50.00

Master bedroom

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Bedroom #1

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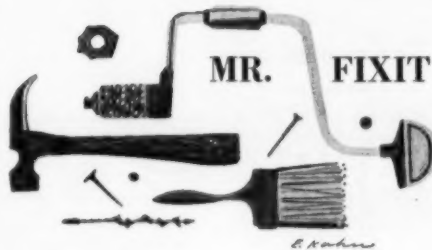
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Q. Our sun porch has matchstick blinds on all the windows. During a recent storm while we were away from home, the blinds were soaked with rain and developed a heavy coat of mildew. How can this be removed without hurting the bamboo? C.D.

A. The blinds should be rolled down and allowed to dry very thoroughly, and then brushed off with a stiff fiber brush. This will remove the mildew. After wiping them off with a cloth dampened with alcohol, apply a coat of white shellac. This will help prevent a future build-up of mildew.

Q. After inspecting our new house which has a poured concrete cellar, we discovered several cracks over a quarter-inch wide in cellar corners. The builder states that all basements have cracks no matter how well they have been built, when they are upon filled land such as ours. We know nothing about building and would appreciate your advice. I.J.

A. Your builder's statement is absolutely untrue. Poorly-built houses have cracks in the basement, but not well-built houses. If your house was built on filled land, it was up to the builder to provide wider footings beneath foundation walls and to use reinforcing rods if necessary.

Q. I have a set of wicker furniture which has had several coats of green paint. I want to remove this and leave the wicker in its natural color so as to match two new peel chairs I recently purchased. What is the best thing to use and how do I do it? L.T.

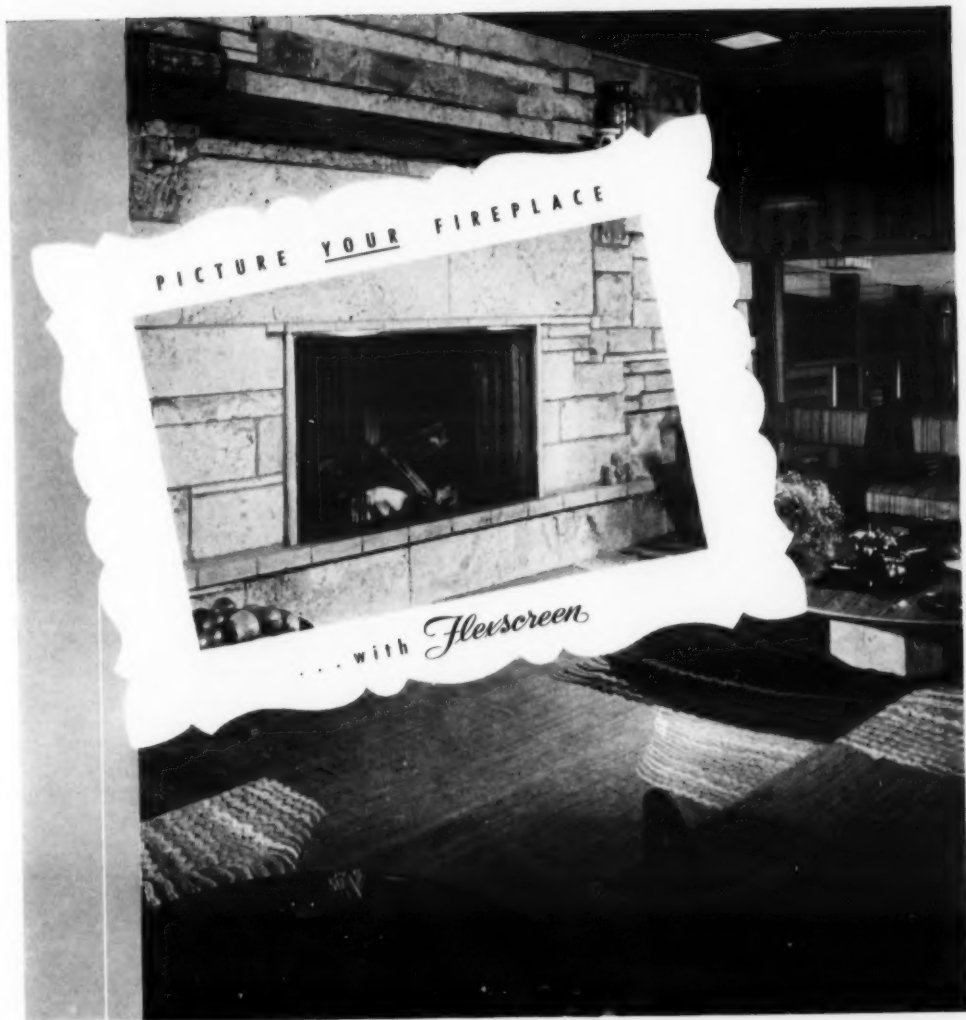
A. The only thing that will remove the green paint would be paint remover, and we doubt if it would take the color out of the thousands of crevices in wicker. In our opinion, the best treatment is to sand the paint lightly, and then repaint with a blond or honey-colored paint.

Q. There is an asphalt patio in the rear of our house, which, because we track the asphalt into the house, has been a real headache. No paint will last on it more than a week. It simply lifts right off. Our neighbor has tried a concrete surface over his patio, which is like ours, and it has cracked. Can you suggest a treatment for this surface? Y.N.

A. Dust Portland cement or clean white sand over the asphalt while it is hot, then roll it in with a well-weighted roller. This will help to produce a firm surface. It may take two or three applications to get the surface you want.

Q. Our house is built on concrete slab. We are now planning to build an addition to the house, also on concrete slab. As we have had a severe ant problem, we are wondering about adding a strong ant-killer to the cement. Would this be effective? F.L.

A. We doubt if any chemicals would be effective under these circumstances. We suggest the use of ant pellets or other insecticides designed specifically for ant control in the house. Then spray the vertical edges of the slabs with DDT insecticide or a 2 percent chlordane solution.



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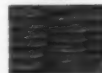
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